

WEATHER FORECAST

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m., Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to
fresh south and west winds, mostly
cloudy and mild, with occasional rain.

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DR. H. C. STEEVES DIES AFTER COLLAPSE WHILE DRIVING TO COLQUITZ

Superintendent of British Columbia Mental Homes
Victim of Heart Trouble; Leading Figure Among
Insanity Experts of Canada

The death occurred with tragic suddenness last night of Dr. H. C. Steeves, medical superintendent of mental homes in British Columbia.

Dr. Steeves, who came to Victoria yesterday to visit the Provincial Mental Home at Wilkinson Road, was being driven to Colquitz when he collapsed in the automobile. He was taken to a house near by, but passed away within a few minutes.

Although apparently in good health Dr. Steeves had been suffering from heart trouble for some time. No inquest will be held.

WAS ABLE OFFICIAL

Dr. Steeves' death removes a leading figure among the insanity experts of Canada and one of the ablest public servants in the employ of the Government.

Born in 1884, Dr. Steeves had just completed his fortieth year, but though comparatively young he had established a national reputation for himself for his work with the insane. He was a graduate of McGill University and came here in April, 1913, to accept a position as assistant on the staff of the New Westminister Asylum. In 1921 he was promoted to take charge of that institution, the Esquimalt Mental Home, the Colony Farm and the Colquitz Mental Home, institutions which represent British Columbia's efforts to handle the insanity problem.

GOVERNMENT SHOCKED

News of Dr. Steeves' untimely death came as a shock to the Government, which valued his services highly. As chief adviser to the Royal Commission on Insanity Dr. Steeves was in the midst of his greatest work to prevent and care for insanity in British Columbia. This commission and the Provincial Secretary's Department was relying largely on his advice in this work, which has been under way all this year.

Dr. Steeves is survived by his widow, a son, Les C. Steeves and a daughter, Marion.

Dr. Steeves' death came with remarkable suddenness. He registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday morning and during the evening was in conference with Granby Farrant, who is in charge of the Wilkinson Road Mental Home at Colquitz, Vancouver Island, and the bursar of Esquimalt, who accompanied him from Vancouver. A Victoria Daily Times reporter interviewed the doctor earlier in the evening, and at that time he seemed in perfect health. He discussed the great problem which British Columbia faced with every other province in Canada, caring for the insane, and suggested, subject to the approval of the Provincial Secretary, that a series of articles be written on the subject so that the general public would realize the seriousness of the situation.

VANCOUVER POLICE ARE CARRIED INTO ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Mayor Taylor, Candidate For
Re-election, Objects to Man-
son's Reference to Activities

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Characterizing a report published prominently in a local evening newspaper, which spoke of unusual activities of Vancouver city police in the last two weeks, as a "deliberate election-roor-bach, concocted by Attorney-General A. M. Manson, Alderman G. W. Worthington, Mayor L. D. Taylor, candidate for mayor against Mr. Worthington and L. Rubinowitz, declared before an audience which packed the Hotel Vancouver ballroom last night that the city police had been no more active in the last two weeks than they had been throughout the year.

"I can prove this," said the mayor, "by production of police records, and Mr. Manson knows well that what I say is true."

"About six weeks ago," he said, "I was in Victoria on civic business, when I went into Mr. Manson's office. Things are rotten in your city," he said. I reminded him that six months ago he had said to me: 'If things were as good throughout the Province as they are in Vancouver I would have no cause for worry.' I asked him the reason for his change of view. He did not give it."

COSTS ENDED

"However," continued the mayor, "I recalled to Mr. Manson that in 1924 he was forced to put his hands into Vancouver to clean up the blind pig nuisance and he charged the city \$22,000 that year for doing it. In 1925 he had to spend only \$1,750 on such work, and this year, I told him, so far he hadn't been able to charge use one dollar. He didn't explain these things."

"Then I told him before characterizing Vancouver as rotten to clean up his own backyard. I mentioned the Narrows and one or two other places outside the city. His police knew of conditions, but had never dared to raid them. And then, because the need to pull something like this on me arose, he ordered those places cleaned up, just as I advised. But when his police were ordered to descend on Vancouver they found no work to do. So this letter to Charles (Concluded on page 2)

FOUR BIG PROBLEMS FACE B.C. FORESTRY, CAVERHILL ASSERTS

250 Acres of Forest Land
Here Per Capita, Chief
Forester Tells Convention

Lumber Production and Sales
in This Province Increase
Despite Blue Ruin Cry

British Columbia's forestry was summed up as follows today by P. Z. Caverhill, chief forester, in the opening address of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association of the Canadian and American Pacific Coast, in session at the Empress Hotel.

"1. An economic problem resulting in extravagant use of timber, values reduced far below replacement, concentration of cut, and coupled with this is the rapidly increasing demand from the world's markets, a demand which, if it continues, will deplete our original stands before the second crop is ready to cut."

"2. We have a fire problem growing in intensity each year; the scope of solution being the swiftest forest conservation of our generation."

"3. We have a silvicultural problem that is at present an unknown element, and which requires large amount of research work during the next quarter of a century. Indications are that nature favors us in the one item of regeneration, but many other phases of a regulated stand? We know nothing."

"Solve the economic problem, and you will begin to see the dawn," Mr. Caverhill went on. "Solve the fire problem, and it is sunrise. Give us transportation, via good roads and trails, and it is the morning for the day."

"The forestry problem in any country is one chiefly concerned with forests, transportation, and population, and especially the relationship between land and population."

In the Dominion of South Africa this is one-quarter acre per capita, in the more favored European countries from ten to twenty acres. In British Columbia we have 250 acres of productive forest land per capita.

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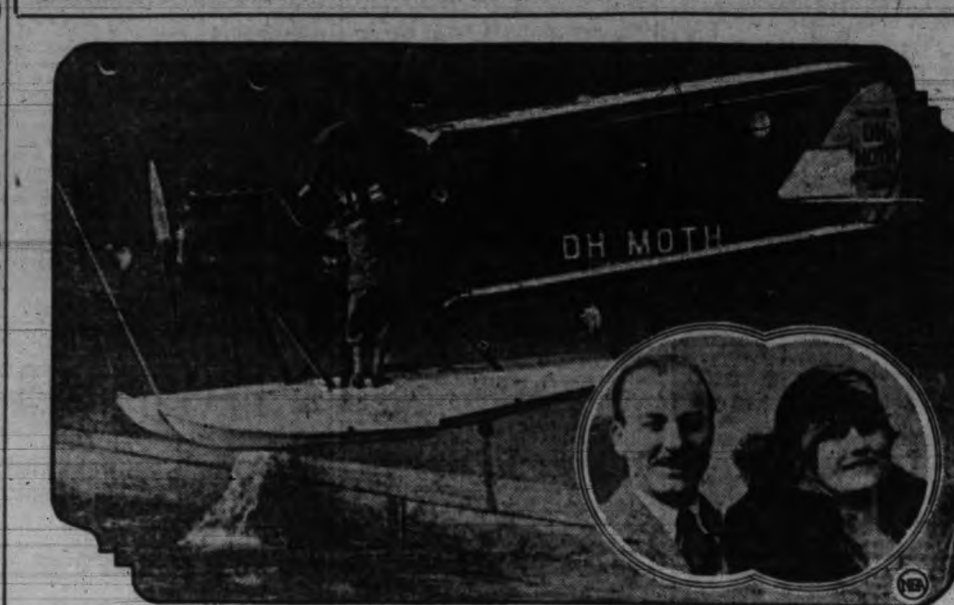
Fisheries May Be New Federal Cabinet Division

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The marine department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was advised today that the lighter Asuka Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was on the rocks 240 miles off Yokohama. She was bound from the Japanese port for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C. No report was received of the condition of the passengers and crew.

ASK GOVERNMENT TO
BACK BIG EASTERN
ADVERTISING PLANS

Plans for an advertising campaign throughout Eastern Canada, to attract tourists and settlers to British Columbia are laid before the Government this afternoon by heads of the Victoria and Vancouver Publicity Bureaus. They asked the Government to spend \$25,000 on newspaper advertising in the East and asked to handle the correspondence relating out of this advertising through their organizations. The Government promised consideration of the proposal.

SMALL MOTH PLANE IS FLOWN IN THE UNITED STATES BY COBHAM



Above is reproduced the first picture received in Victoria of the Moth plane Cobham, the British aviator has with him during his present tour of the United States. He and Lady Cobham, shown in the inset, flew from New York City to Philadelphia and, after resting overnight there, flew on to the city of Washington. On the New York-Philadelphia leg of the voyage the little aircraft successfully fought a wind that at times reached a velocity of 100 miles an hour. The picture above was taken while the plane was being lowered to the water from the deck of the liner which brought it and the Cobhams from England across the Atlantic.

WAS WITNESS AT FALL-DOHENY TRIAL



EDWIN B. DENBY

appeared at the hearing of A. B. Fall and E. L. Doheny in the city of Washington on a conspiracy charge based on leases of naval oil reserve areas in the western United States and testified that no areas whatever were leased to companies or individuals while he was Secretary of the United States Navy.

Another witness at the trial was Edward B. McLean, friend of Albert B. Fall and Washington publisher, a picture of whom appears below.



Prince of Wales Is to Visit Spain For Christmas

Madrid, Dec. 7.—The Prince of Wales will spend Christmas Week in Spain, says the newspaper Information. He is to come incognito and live in a private suite in one of the hotels of Madrid. The prince is expected while in Spain to visit Granada, Seville, Cordova and Malaga, and finally to go to Gibraltar.

Recently there have been rumors the Prince might marry Princess Beatrice, eldest daughter of the king and queen of Spain. These rumors have met with denial. Princess Beatrice is seventeen years old.

B.C. IS TO HAVE SEAPLANE FISHERY PATROLS IN 1927

Special to The Times

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Seaplane patrols to enforce fishery regulations will be organized on the British Columbia coast once more in 1927. An item of \$100,000 will be placed in the estimates which will be brought before Parliament at its forthcoming session.

This service, carried out in 1925 and previous years, was abandoned in 1926 in order to save money. However, illegal inroads on the fish became so prevalent that the Federal Government now realizes the air-patrol is the only efficient method of law enforcement.

NEW SYSTEM WILL REDUCE DELAY IN MOTOR LICENSES

To prevent delay and congestion in the issuance of 1927 automobile licenses, the Attorney-General's Department has adopted a new system under which blank applications for licenses are being sent out to all car owners. These forms will reach motorists all over the Province during the next few days. On filling them in car owners will be able to get their new licenses without delay at the Provincial Police headquarters here.

The new system will prevent the delay caused in the past by the piling up of application forms at the police offices. Licenses for 1927 will be obtainable on December 15 here. Next year the action licenses will be carried in plain view on all automobiles with the use of special attachments to be issued free by the Government to car owners.

Rum Schooner Is Recaptured

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—The French rum schooner Arsene J., which kidnapped J. B. Matthews, assistant prohibition administrator of the Gulf zone, and Petty Officer Handley, after the officers had captured the vessel, has been retaken after a week's search. The schooner which made off with the coastguardsmen is now in custody of customs officers in Puerto, Mexico, a small port 100 miles southeast of Vera Cruz.

SEVEN-YEAR SENTENCE

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Percy D. Ham, young Toronto clerk, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by Judge Coatsworth here this afternoon. Ham was found guilty on counts in connection with stock and bond transactions involving hundreds of thousands of dollars. The seven-year sentence was imposed for forgery, while on a charge of uttering and obtaining money by false pretences he was given a three-year term. The sentences will run concurrently.

STREET RAILWAY DECISION

London, Ont. Dec. 6.—In a plebiscite here yesterday the proposal that the city of London purchase the street railway was defeated by the electors in the civic election.

KINGSTON ELECTION

Kingston, Ont. Dec. 7.—Alderman H. P. Price was elected mayor of Kingston yesterday over Alderman H. S. Milne by a majority of 144.

CAMPAIGN FOR CUSTOMS COMMISSION IS CITY MANAGER SEARCHING FOR MEN WHO OPENS TO-DAY BOUGHT MOELLER LIQUOR CARGO

John Dean Organizes Supporters at Broad Street Office

Alderman Woodward Invites All Candidates to Share His Platform This Evening

The opening of a campaign office by a committee of adherents to the city manager form of government formed the only new development of the civic election campaign to-day.

John Dean, ardent advocate of the plan, was present when his committee opened an office at the southwest corner of Broad and Johnson Streets this morning. Plaques in the window give publicity to the aims of the committee in seeking a change of form of civic government at the polls on Thursday.

THINK PLAN MAY CARRY

Opponents to the city manager form of government are fearful that the new plan will carry on Thursday mainly through the inattention of voters who are not in favor of any change taking place at this time. Adherents of the city manager plan are actively campaigning in support of their views, with an office and campaign managers on the ground. Though the City Council split 3-3 against any change at this time, all candidates running for re-election to the council have virtually realized from open championship of opposition to the city manager plan in their election talks so far.

MEETING TO-NIGHT

Alderman Woodward will be the main speaker at a meeting this evening in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. H. H. Shandley will take the chair, and will allot a fair proportion of the time to other civic candidates, after Alderman Woodward has concluded his address.

Alderman Woodward said to-day that while he will deal fully with matters in relation to the Willow ground, and their use, he would base his address largely on what he believes should be done in the year 1927 to advance the interests of the city along all lines.

NO RADIO TALKS

The use of the radio broadcast by civic candidates was abandoned today, in so far as the broadcasting of to-night's meeting is concerned, on the ground that as some candidates may not attend the meeting an unfair advantage would be taken if the wireless were used.

TEN THOUSAND REGISTERED

Interesting facts in relation to the civic voters list were announced today at the City Hall, showing relatively little interest taken in the affairs of the city in other years. Of 15,000 persons in the city entitled to a vote, only 10,000 have actually completed the forms necessary to secure that privilege. Of the 10,000 who can at this date vote only twenty-eight per cent. actually show up at the polls. If the 1925 figures can be taken as a criterion, the year 2,040 persons voted on the aldermanic contest, or twenty-eight per cent. of the civic roster at that time. Some 2,500 voted on the trustees and police-commissionership, or only twenty-six per cent. of the 1925 voters' list.

EIGHT LIVES LOST IN SCHOONER WRECK

Only One Man Saved When
Disaster Overtook Vessel

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 7.—Eight lives were lost when the schooner Ella M. Rudolph drove ashore at Brook Cove, near Catalina, during the height of a storm last night. Duke Blackwood, a son of the owner of the vessel, managed to reach shore and, walking to Catalina, gave the details of the disaster.

Those who lost their lives were E. Blackwood, master; Walter Attwood, Jos. Vivien, Samuel Carter, Henry Blackwood, Noah Vivien, Bert Blackwood and an unidentified woman.

The schooner left here yesterday for Greenspond and shortly after sailing ran into the storm. Captain Blackwood's wife and child had planned to sail on the schooner, but decided at the last moment to return to their home by train.

Christmas!

ONLY 15 Days left to SHOP

Inquiry Is Continued in Vancouver, But as Yet Witnesses Wanted to Tell About Ship's Liquor Not Found; Commissioners to Decide if Woman Compelled to Testify About Her Husband

CHARGE ALDERMAN PLAYED POLITICS

B.C. Agricultural Association Gives Facts Concerning Racing Lease Controversy

Following on the heels of a stormy session with the public works committee of the City Council, the B.C. Agricultural Association has prepared a statement of facts signed by executive officers as follows:

TOROUGHLY DISCUSSED

"The officials of the British Columbia Agricultural Association late in September were requested to meet the public works committee of the City Council for the purpose of discussing the renewal of the association's lease with the city, and other business pertaining to the association. After considerable discussion, on motion of the council it was suggested that committee consisting of two aldermen, viz: Aldermen Deane and Woodward, for the city, the president and secretary for the B.C.A.A., together with T. G. Coventry and Percy Fox of the Colwood Racing Association, go into private conference."

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U.S. CONGRESS IS TO DISCUSS WATERWAYS

In Message Coolidge Deals With Great Lakes-Atlantic Canal System

Washington, Dec. 7.—(By Canadian Press)—The importance of a channel from the Great Lakes to the North Atlantic, either through an all-United States canal or by way of the St. Lawrence River, was emphasized by President Coolidge in his annual message to Congress to-day.

Dealing with waterways, the President said: "In previous messages I referred to the importance of the proper development of our water resources. The great projects of extension of the Mississippi system and the protection and development of the lower Colorado river have been before Congress, and I have previously commented upon them. I favor the necessary legislation to expedite these projects."

"Engineering studies are being made for connecting the Great Lakes with the North Atlantic, either through an all-American canal or by way of the St. Lawrence River. These reports will undoubtedly be before the Congress during its present session. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the great importance of such a waterway not only to our mid-continental basin, but to the commerce and development of practically the whole nation. Our river and harbor improvement should be continued in accordance with the present policy. Expenditure of this character is compatible with economy; it is in the nature of capital investment and will pay for itself on the basic trunk lines if this work is to be a success. If the country will be content to be moderate and patient and permit improvements to be made as they will do the greatest of secondary projects, our internal waterways can be made a success. If proposed legislation results in a gross manifestation of local jealousies and selfishness, this programme cannot be carried out. Ultimately we can take care of extensions, but our first effort should be confined to the main arteries."

"Our inland commerce has been put to great inconvenience and expense by reason of the lowering of the water levels of the Great Lakes. This is an international problem on which competent engineers are making reports. Out of their study it is expected a feasible method will be developed for raising the levels to provide relief for our commerce and supply water for drainage. Whenever a practical plan is presented it ought to be speedily adopted."

AID IS SENT TO DISABLED SHIP

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 7.—The steamship Hillcroft, with her bunkers empty and all her movable woodwork used as fuel, was waiting to-day in the troughs of tremendous seas in latitude 47.44 north, longitude 51.04 west, according to word received here from the Dominion Line steamship Tritonia, which reported she was standing by. The tug Ocean Eagle left this afternoon with coal in an effort to reach the stricken vessel.

STUDENTS IN CONTROL

Thousands of students of radical proclivities through the streets of Puchow, virtually in control of the affairs of that city, the capital of Fukien Province, following its evacuation by the troops of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang and the entry of the Cantonese soldiers, with whose nationalization programme they sympathize.

Many student riots took place Saturday and Sunday. The disorder and confusion was heightened by mobs which attempted to arrest members of the defeated Fukien Government, broke into British and Japanese properties. Sufficient Japanese troops have now entered Puchow to preserve order, but the Cantonese flag has been hoisted and Cantonese officials have replaced Sun's appointees.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—(By Canadian Press)—The search for the man or men who purchased the liquor cargo of the power schooner Chris Moeller, now held at Victoria, waxed hot when the customs inquiry was resumed here this morning. In Victoria, Reginald M. Morgan, head of the Eastern Freighters, who chartered the Chris Moeller for her southern voyage, told the commission the ship's 20,000-case liquor cargo was to go to a man called Rodriguez at San Blas, Mexico.

To-day Mr. Morgan was pined with questions by Hon. N. W. Rowell, K. C., commission counsel, in regard to trips made by Mr. Morgan to San Francisco and Los Angeles in the latter part of October and early in November of this year.

"I want to give you a chance to make a clean breast of the situation and to retract the evidence given by you in Victoria," counsel said to Mr. Morgan before the examination was started.

HAS NOT APPEARED

Mr. Rowell first directed his questions to find out about a man called Tom Fay, who has been subpoenaed but thus far has failed to appear. Mr. Morgan, while admitting he knew Fay, who is connected with the Manitoba Refineries, shippers of the cargo, denied he had seen him in California.

"Did you hear anything of the sale of the cargo down there?" asked Mr. Rowell.

"No," the witness insisted, and further questions along the same lines met with the same response. TELEGRAMS RECALLED

One of them said: "I have arranged to ship goods early next week. Inform Lilly and May."

This was sent to R. Stewart, a director of the Manitoba Refineries, from Los Angeles or San Francisco. The witness did not admit this had been done by him.

The only "Lilly" he knew was the captain of the Chris Moeller, Mr. Morgan said.

Another wire, also sent to Stewart, read: "We have received. Can handle major proposition. Necessary have money in bank. Have sold 1,200 shares."

SOLD SHARES

This was also signed "Reg." Mr. Morgan admitted this was his, and explained he had sold some shares in a security export company in which he and Mr. Stewart were interested.

J. A. NOSTENOFF HEARD

Mr. Morgan was succeeded on the stand by J. A. Nostenoff, head of the Manitoba Refineries, who declared he did not know whether or not Tom Fay traveled under another name in the United States.

Mr. Nostenoff was examined at length regarding entries in his bank account.

Mrs. Fay, wife of the absent Tom Fay, appeared before the commission, but the point was raised that she could not be asked to give evidence which might implicate her husband.

This question was taken under consideration by the commission.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—(Canadian Press)—A medical certificate from a Vancouver physician stating H. F. Reifel, one of the important witnesses subpoenaed for the Moeller hearing, was too ill to leave his home was read when the Customs Inquiry (Concluded on page 2)

U.S. SENATE STARTS A. R. GOULD INQUIRY

Committee Will Report on Charge Senator Paid \$100,000 to New Brunswickers

Washington, Dec. 7.—Investigation of the story that Senator A. R. Gould of Maine paid \$100,000 to New Brunswick officials some years ago in connection with a railroad contract was ordered to-day by the Senate.

A resolution offered by Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, directing the Senate's Democratic committee to conduct the inquiry was adopted with the approval of Senator Gould himself.

ELECTED LAST WEEK

Gould was elected to the Senate in a by-election in Maine last week, defeating a Democratic opponent. It was while he was being sworn in yesterday that Senator Walsh interrupted the proceedings and moved a resolution urging an inquiry. The resolution said it had been reported Mr. Gould had been charged with paying \$100,000 to trusted officials of the Canadian province, in connection with a railroad contract. "If this be true," it said, "it was inconceivable so large sum of money would be expended without expectations of return."

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MacDONALD URGES BRITAIN RECOGNIZE NEW CANTON REGIME

London, Dec. 7.—Ramsay MacDonald, former Labor Premier of Great Britain, has added his voice to that of former Premier David Lloyd George and the Liberal and Labor press in opposing the employment of coercion in China, and in advocating an attempt to negotiate with the Cantonese Government. In a statement to the press, Mr. MacDonald expressed the opinion the Government at Canton had reached a point where Great Britain could recognize it.

"I think the Powers ought frankly to recognize that a new China has been born," Mr. MacDonald said, "and that whatever influence Russia may have in Canton or elsewhere, it occupies a very secondary position in the situation we are facing there. We have to make up our minds whether we are to subdue China by force or whether we are going to give China an opportunity to place its government upon an independent, nationalistic footing. The latter is the only practical policy to pursue."

The former Premier contended that the Chinese Government by foreign Governments had outlived their usefulness, and that new agreements on customs and disputed treaty subjects should be negotiated with the Cantonese. "It would be far better if we could have the signatories of the Washington agreement to act with us, but if they refuse, we should act independently," he said.

Waterfront Men Ask Higher Pay

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Negotiations for a new scale of wages for waterfront workers are proceeding between representatives of the men and the employers here. The old agreement expired December 1 and it is hoped the new one will be settled in a few days.

The old scale was \$4 cents and \$1.26, straight and overtime for ship work and \$0 cents and \$1.20 for shed work. The men are asking 90 cents and \$1.35, basing their request on the increase in the cost of living.

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HEAT WAVE SWEEPS NORTH ARGENTINA

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 7.—While some sections of the North American continent are suffering from snow and extreme cold, the capital of Argentina is broiling under a heat wave. The thermometer is stationary around ninety-five degrees, and there have been several cases of stroke.

OTTAWA RE-ELECTS BALHARRIE MAYOR

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Amassing a large majority, Mayor John H. Balharrie was re-elected for another term of office in the Ottawa civic election yesterday. Controllers C. J. Tulley, Arthur Ellis and H. H. McElroy were re-elected to the Board of Control. The seat vacated by F. S. Plant, in order to run for mayor was won by Frank LaFortune.

HUERTA IS URGING UPRISING IN MEXICO

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 7.—Thousands of Mexicans in the United States are willing to cross the border to join a revolutionary movement against the Calles Government, according to Adolfo de la Huerta, former provisional President of Mexico. He followed up a statement he made on Saturday that he would lead the revolt, once the anti-Calles forces had captured a border garrison, by declaring the revolutionary movement was gaining force in all states of the republic.

"If I had arms and ammunition for 500,000 soldiers," De la Huerta said, "I could find that many soldiers to fight against the present Government."

EMERGENCY FLEET STILL LOSING MILLIONS

New York, Dec. 7.—Emergency fleet operations resulted in a deficit of \$20,000,000 in the fiscal year, compared with a loss of \$39,000,000 in the preceding year.

VICTORIA MAN CREDITED WITH BEING THE ORIGINAL PROMOTER C. P. RAILWAY

Restoration of Grave of Alfred Waddington in Quebec Cemetery Recalls Details of Pioneer Canadian, Who Braved Dangers in Rockies and Died of Smallpox in Ottawa

Montreal, Dec. 7.—It is curious how the labors of those who have laid the foundations of the country's progress are oftentimes temporarily forgotten while their work lives after them. Such a one is Alfred Waddington, who lies in St. James cemetery on the Aylmer Road, just outside the City of Hull. Conceiving the idea of connecting Eastern Canada and British Columbia by a transcontinental line, he gave the last years of his life to the realization of his project. After voyaging to London, England, after journeying across the continent to Ottawa, when on the eve of seeing his dream materialized, he died of the smallpox on a visit to the Dominion Capital in 1872 and was buried in the Protestant cemetery across the river, The Montreal Star says.

Among the old generation of the people of Victoria the memory of Alfred Waddington was highly revered and cherished as one who had not only been a good citizen but a man of high public spirit and enterprise—a man of vision and action. Waddington's grave is in a cemetery about ten minutes walk from Val Tetreau, and when rediscovered recently was somewhat neglected in appearance. The headstone, which in its original form had been intended as a suitable monument, had sagged at one corner, and like the leaning tower of Pisa, had a decided list to the northward. The pyramidal top, forming a spire of some height, had fallen off long ago and lay back of the headstone. The inscription on it read:

ALFRED WADDINGTON
the original promoter of
CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY
Born at Crescent House
Brompton, London,
Oct. 2nd, 1801.
Died at Ottawa, Feb. 26th, 1872.

His remains were deposited in this spot by his friends in Canada, and this stone was erected to his memory by his affectionate brother

FREDERICK.

PUBLISHED FIRST BOOK ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Waddington was connected by descent with old families in England. One of his relatives went to France and established a knitting factory at Remi-sur-Avre, where his son William Henry Waddington was born. He was greatly interested in the project, and this son was educated at Cambridge, England, and subsequently acquired distinction as an archaeologist and as a man of letters. He was for some time a member of the Chamber of Deputies, becoming Minister of Public Instruction, later Minister of Foreign Affairs, and still later, Premier of France. Interestingly he was one of the French plenipotentiaries at the Berlin Congress. In 1854 he was appointed French ambassador to Great Britain, a post he occupied for ten years, or until shortly before his death. Although English by near-ancestry and education, he showed extraordinary tenacity in defence of his country's interests. The late D. W. Higgins of Victoria, who knew Alfred Waddington quite intimately, asserted that he was a cousin of this illustrious French namesake.

Alfred Waddington received an excellent education in England, and for a time was engaged in mining on the continent, something which always interested him greatly. When the mining excitement in 1849 broke out in California he followed in the wake of the rush there, and embarked in a mercantile pursuit in San Francisco. In 1853, as the result of the gold discovered in B.C., he went to the Province, and was among the first in the rush to Victoria, and the Fraser River at Yale. His pamphlet, "The Fraser River Mines Vindicated," the first book printed on Vancouver Island and, of course, in B.C. From its pages we get practically the most stirring description, written on the spot, of the primitive conditions existing in the city of Victoria when it was a "city of tents." So optimistic was he that he purchased a number of lots in Victoria, in which Waddington Alley bears his name.

After the Fraser River excitement had died down, and the rush to Cariboo, born of the rich discoveries in that district, had taken place, he conceived the idea of a short route from the head of Butte Inlet to Port Alexander, wherein lay the germ of his larger conception of a transcontinental railway, to start from the same point, as the road from Cariboo on the Pacific Ocean. At that time, from his knowledge of the canyons of the Fraser River, which Dr. Dawson has described as a "ragged gash" through the mountains, he did not imagine, if he had thought of it at all, that a railway through there was at all feasible. Before proceeding further, it may be well to remark that Waddington served two years in the old Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island for the Victoria district (1860 and 1861) and two years as superintendent of education, the first in British Columbia to occupy that position.

SPENT A FORTUNE

Alfred Waddington spent five years of his life and his entire fortune in exploring routes through the mountains of British Columbia, sending out engineers in various directions, accompanying some of the expeditions personally. In 1864, occurred the famous Chilcotin massacre at the head of Waddington Harbor. Indians attacked his camp one night when all were asleep, pulling down the tents and murdering fourteen men. Only three escaped. The members of the party; it would appear, were not wholly blameless for this. They had taken undue liberty with the natives, and they had frightened them by pretending that they had bottled smallpox by which they could destroy the whole tribe by blowing the contents upon them. Principal Grant, in his "Ocean to Ocean," and others pay tribute to the good disposition of the Chilcotin Indians who were at the time largely strangers to white men and their ways. Retribution, however, was swift and stern. Five of the murderers were hanged on one scaffold at Queen's.

Alfred Waddington wrote a paper which was read before the Royal

Geographical Society of London and published in their transactions of 1868 in which he described his proposed route through British Columbia, marked on a map drawn by himself. In this is given the first description (outside of Captain Vancouver's Journals) of various inlets on the northwest coast leading towards the interior—Gardner's Channel, Dean's Canal (or the Skeena), North Bentinck Arm (by Millstream Sound) and Butte Inlet. Lieut. Palmer of the Royal Engineers surveyed a route inland from Bella Coola in 1862—known as the Parlow Trail—Waddington shows that in sixty-five miles it rises 1,840 feet, and for five miles 265 feet. The tradition of the Bella Coola persisted for a long time, and it is no so long ago that a proposal was made for a transcontinental line terminating at the head of Bentinck Arm—while up the Hamathli River, the highest point of the route, the rise for two miles is seventy-five feet, and for eighty-five and a half miles an average of 44.80 feet per mile. Then the proposed line would enter upon a valley the great plateau of the interior—which, he says, "contains millions of acres of land," the best of which was along the route. It is interesting to note that he gives the elevation of all the passes at that time explored, exclusive of the Peace River Pass, too far north, he contends, for the purpose. Yellowhead, 7,760 feet; Howe's Pass, recommended by the late Walter Moberley, 5,247 feet; Kicking Horse, 5,420 feet; Vermilion, 4,347 feet; Kananaskis, 5,355 feet; Red River, 5,300 feet; Kootenai, 5,360 feet and Redstone Creek, 6,030 feet. The three last he rejected on account of supposed border dangers.

In his introduction to this paper, the author observes: "The author has spent over five years in studying them (details as to routes) and has laid out considerable sums in equipping exploring parties in all directions, through the Cascades Range, followed by the survey and partial opening of 222 miles of road, through an entirely unknown country, from the coast to the north of the Fraser River, and which necessarily forms the first link in any future overland route. From this, whence a road leads to the Cariboo gold mines, the Fraser is navigable for steamboats for 250 miles farther up to the 'Leather' or Yellowhead Pass, and shortly after the watershed forms the limit of the Colony."

He closes by saying: "I shall conclude with a few lines on the urgency of direct communication between the Canadian and the Pacific through British territory—a fact which is becoming every day more evident. From a political point of view, and as a consequence of the late Confederation, it would contribute essentially to its prosperity; so long as there is no overland route, any communication with British Columbia must remain a myth and the Red River Settlement, continuing isolated, instead of becoming a valuable annex to the Union. At present England has no other communication with the Pacific but by New York and San Francisco, and in case of war with the United States, the only possible postal line would be through our territory across the Rocky Mountains; whereas by opening an overland communication immediately, a mail service would be established forthwith, not only to B.C. and Vancouver Island, but, before long to Australia and Asia."

And he winds up stressing the danger of trade with the latter being so firmly established by way of the United States as to be lost to Canada and Great Britain forever.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

After emerging from the Yellowhead Pass, as will be seen, the proposed route through Canada was followed on a second map upon which Waddington traced it. It followed the Saskatchewan for a considerable distance and then took a more or less

direct route to Fort Garry (Winnipeg), utilizing water stretches, and then on to Toronto. Apparently he had an alternative route for a short distance in Ontario which ended at Ottawa. In 1868, there appeared a pamphlet in the form of a monograph entitled "Overland route through British North America, or the shortest and speediest road to the East, with a colored map," published by Longman's, Green, Reader and Dyer, a portion of which was from a paper read before the British Association and in which was embodied portions of those read before the Royal Geographical Society, already referred to. In this Waddington gives particulars of the building of the Pacific in the United States and cites the objections which had been raised to a transcontinental railway through Canada—geographical difficulties, rigorous climate, intervention of Hudson's Bay Company, rights between British Columbia and Ontario, immense distance to be traversed to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific, anti-Colonial feeling in Great Britain and enormous cost. In rebuttal he presents his case more or less in detail against the objections urged and stresses the importance of the political and imperial aspects of the question. It must be kept clearly in mind that at that stage of the development of the idea it was thought the enterprise of that magnitude would have to be financed as an imperial undertaking, with Canadian co-operation and authorization, and hence the appeal to the British public. Waddington had that point of view, taking at the close his always optimistic outlook. There was a second edition of this pamphlet in 1871, by which time the Hudson's Bay Company's rights in Rupert's Land had been extinguished by purchase. British Columbia had entered Confederation, and the Central Pacific had been completed and was in operation. In this connection it may be stated that the second edition contained a detailed estimate of the cost of bridging the hiatus between the Mainland and Vancouver Island over Seymour Narrows, including islands and approaches. It is stated that this estimate was the basis of that of Marcus Smith in his report to the Government in respect of the Butte Inlet route, which was popularly ascribed to Waddington. It is due to the terminus. To the late Hon. Edgar Dewdney, C.E., the credit of having suggested and having had adopted the Butte Inlet route is due.

PETITIONS PARLIAMENT

In the year that Waddington read his paper before the Royal Geographical Society and British Association, he was in England for the purpose of interesting the Imperial authorities in his project. He had two petitions brought before the House of Commons, one signed by himself, on May 29, and one presented by Viscount Minto, B.C., as the latter was largely signed by persons in or interested in British Columbia. It set forth, among other things, that the practical purposes, isolated from the Mother Country, and surrounded by a foreign state and great national difficulties, that it was entirely indebted to the United States for the route proposed; that it was of great public importance to secure the advantages of an overland communication through British America, which would be the shortest and most direct route to the East; that the overland communication sought for would perpetuate the loyal feelings of the Colony, and that the establishment of a Panama to Vancouver Island should in the meantime be subsidized."

ALMOST AMERICAN

Receiving no encouragement at that quarter, in 1869 he went from London direct to Ottawa determined to have the matter taken up by the Canadian Government, and continued to advocate with all the energy and enthusiasm he possessed the cause of the route to China. Fortunately for that cause, negotiations had already been begun and were progressing toward the union of British Columbia with Canada, and the man and the psychological moment, with the proposed railway, did not like the idea of placing, in the hands of American and national ambition like this railway, which it must be, if built, and the danger was averted. There is a good deal of indisputable evidence that that danger was a real one, because even while Waddington was in England a scheme was well under way to extend a line of American railway through the Middle West by way of the Red River, with its ultimate terminus in Alaska. Dr. W. L. Grant, principal of Upper Canada College, in the introduction to a new and recent edition of his father's work, "Ocean to Ocean," strongly hints at it as a fact within the knowledge of what certain United States interests had in mind when he says: "The West was saved for Canada, if not indeed for the British Empire, not by any effort of Canadian national consciousness, but by the daring and presence of a few great men." In 1871 British Columbia was brought into the new Dominion, and the promise given her that within ten years she would be united to Eastern Canada by a Canadian Pacific Railway. It was time to be stirring. In 1867 the United States

COMPANY RECOVERS MINING MACHINERY

Ennis Gold Mining Interests Win Lawsuit Involving Cariboo Operations

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Following a trial in the Supreme Court here Mr. Justice Morrison has awarded the Ennis Gold Mining Company Limited of Kelowna judgment against six Cariboo miners, Alex G. Henderson, Charles Macdonald, William Lyne, William J. Robins, Frank T. Harris and Charles Burns.

"There will be judgment for the plaintiff in the terms of the statement of claim as to the ownership of the equipment and for an injunction," said the judge.

The question of damages is to be spoken to."

FAMILY OF FIVE KILLED BY GAS

Jamestown, N.Y., Dec. 7.—A family of five persons was asphyxiated by gas in their home here. Those who lost their lives were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dahlberg, their two infant children and a woman believed to be Mrs. Dahlberg's sister.

had purchased Alaska from Russia, and the pages of "Ocean to Ocean" give abundant proof that the appetite of the Great Republic was not yet satisfied. A little longer delay, and the western boundary of Canada would in all likelihood have been the day, not the Pacific Ocean, but some obscure stream between Port Arthur and Winnipeg."

When Waddington had taken up his residence in Ottawa he continued until the time of his death in close touch with Sir John A. Macdonald and other members of the Government. The plans that cost him so much of his time and his money were purchased for the use of the engineers engaged in the C.P.R. survey after union took place, and his fortune had been all but spent. It may be assumed that the proceeds of the sale were extremely helpful to him.

As has already been stated, it was largely due to his inspiration and knowledge that Sir John became imbued with the great importance of building a Canadian Pacific Railway, and to him was due the fact that the delegates arrived from British Columbia to enter into final negotiations for union that they were met, much to their surprise and gratification, with a full-fledged railway proposition, which was immediately accepted. The rest was merely a matter of adjustment of details of the other terms which, comparatively speaking, were of minor importance.

"POOR WADDINGTON"

In 1872, Waddington, still physically strong and active, contracted smallpox, then rampant in the Capital, and died in the Russell House. Unfortunately, as a matter of biographical interest, there are practically no details of his death and burial. Ottawa papers made a brief eulogistic reference to his work as a promoter of the C.P.R., giving no particulars of the obsequies. The Victoria Colonist had a paragraph in its local news columns, referring to him as "Poor Waddington."

"In his great scheme for a transcontinental railway through British Columbia, Mr. Waddington selected Leather Pass as being the most practicable, from political and commercial reasons, and the best engineers of the nation have pronounced his judgment sound."

Leather Pass was the other name for Yellowhead Pass. It was the route by which the fur traders brought their leather for various purposes to the different posts on the Pacific Slope, none being manufactured on that side of the Rockies. Waddington's remains rest in a lonely grave in a cemetery on the Quebec side of the Ottawa, and as a man of wonderful foresight, enterprise and British patriotism, and as the original promoter—though not the first to visualize it—of Canada's great transcontinental railway, it is gratifying to know that the president of the C.P.R. has authorized the beautifying of the grave, the keeping of it in order hereafter, and the restoration of the monument to its original state. It may be followed by the erection of a cenotaph in Ottawa to suitably commemorate his achievements and aspirations. It will also be of interest to know that prior to Union the British Columbia Government conveyed to him a grant of land as a townsite at the head of Butte Inlet.

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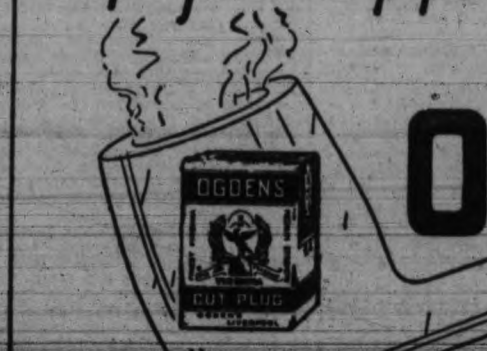
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 7.—Five hunters who left Algonquin, Mich., on November 15 for the Tahquamenon district in the Lake country, are missing, and last night a search party consisting of Fred Clair and Albert Johnston left Sault Ste. Marie for Emerson to try to locate them. The five hunters believed lost, snowbound or dead, are: Paul Clair, Carl Alexander, Edward Hag-

man, John Hagman and Frank Bjorklund. They left Sault Ste. Marie by boat and succeeded in reaching their camp, according to word received by their relatives. With the hunting season over some time, fear is held something happened to them. The men intended to return home by boat, but it is felt they may be snowbound or have met with ice difficulties.

A QUICK ONE

"And how long were you engaged to Pline?" "I don't know—I forgot to look at my watch.—Buen Humor, Madrid."

"Ripe for the pipe"



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COOLIDGE CONCERNED

ONE PART OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE's annual message to Congress—which appears elsewhere in this issue—will be noted with considerable interest in Canada. He deals with Chicago's diversion of Lake Michigan in the following terms:

Our inland commerce has been put to great inconvenience and expense by reason of the lowering of the water level of the Great Lakes.

There is in this statement from Mr. Coolidge a recognition of the importance of dealing more decisively with a problem which already has been the subject of much controversy. It is a matter of vital concern to the large communities which border the Great Lakes on both sides of the boundary line. Canada feels the pinch particularly when the lowering levels sometimes prevent the passage of the larger ships through the Welland Canal in the Summer months—ships, of course, which that waterway was constructed to accommodate and could easily accommodate at all seasons until the Chicago diversion began to grow to proportions never intended in the original arrangement.

Chicago was given permission at the outset to divert a sufficient quantity of water from Lake Michigan to maintain its drainage system. But the volume taken has grown from year to year with the result that the whole of the Great Lakes have been robbed so extensively that their levels are four or five feet lower than they were fifteen years ago. The drainage canal has really developed into a scheme for connecting Chicago with the Mississippi River. The powerful support of New York state is now aligned with the other important American communities such as Cleveland and Detroit which have joined with Canada in combating the Chicago policy, and the issue is now before the Supreme Court of the United States.

President Coolidge's statement to Congress to-day looks like an expression of his own desire to see the matter settled as quickly as possible. He recognizes that Chicago's course is detrimental to his own country as well as injurious to Canada.

AN EMINENT CANADIAN

SIR JOSEPH POPE, WHO PASSED away in Ottawa a few days ago, had an exceptionally distinguished record of public service marked by many diverse activities. A son of one of the fathers of Confederation, nephew of a prominent member of the Government of Sir John A. Macdonald, it was natural that very early in life he should manifest an active interest in public affairs and a desire to become associated with them. After a brief service in various capacities following the return of the Macdonald Administration in 1878, he became private secretary to the Prime Minister, a position he filled with distinction for nine years. The relations between the great Conservative statesman and his secretary were very close, and to that intimacy and the industry and discretion of Mr. Pope, we owe the two volumes of "Memoirs of the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, C.B.C.," published in 1894, the volume of correspondence of Sir John A. Macdonald issued a few years ago, and "Confederation Documents," consisting of a very valuable series of state papers on the British North America Act.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who held Mr. Pope in the highest esteem, appointed him Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs in 1909, a post he filled with marked ability until his retirement some years ago. He possessed unusual qualities as a diplomatist, being noted for his wide information, thorough knowledge of diplomatic procedure and usage, unimpeachable integrity and singular charm of manner. He was assigned to many important international missions. He was associated with the proceedings of the Behring Sea Arbitration, Paris, 1893, Joint High Commission of Canada and the United States, 1898 and 1899, the Alaska Boundary Tribunal, London, 1903. To this many-sided official also was delegated the duty of arranging for the Canadian tours of distinguished visitors, notably the present King and Queen when they were the Duke and Duchess of York. He accompanied the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to Japan in 1907 when the intricate question of immigration was engaging the attention of the Canadian and Japanese governments. He was raised to the knighthood in 1912, following the receipt of many other honors.

Notwithstanding the pressing duties of his office, Sir Joseph Pope found time to produce a number of books of historical value, but he will be best remembered for his works on Sir John A. Macdonald. As executor of the great Conservative chieftain he had in his care an enormous amount of correspondence and state papers covering in great detail one of the most important periods of Canadian history. A few years ago he presented seventy thousand of these documents to the Canadian Archives.

IMPORTANT OMISSIONS

DR. MACLEAN POINTS OUT THAT when more than five hundred Conservatives gathered at Kamloops recently no attempt was made by the party to formulate any policy designed to solve the Pacific Great Eastern Railway problem.

On the other hand the delegates to the Kamloops convention aired their views on the subject of a seasonal tariff for certain commodities produced in British Columbia which they consider are unable to compete successfully with the imported product at certain seasons of the year. But every Conservative present at the gathering in question must have known that tariff is solely a Federal matter. The time wasted in discussing the subject, therefore, could have been more profitably spent in considering an important British Columbia problem.

Dr. MacLean also observes that the convention delegates failed to mention the vital question of forest protection although the revenue from the timber industry amounts to no less a sum than \$3,500,000. The explanation of these omissions is a fairly simple one. Generalities in a policy often sound better than a reasoned programme of promised effort along specific lines—and they are nothing like as difficult to construct.

After all an opposition party should feel itself just as obliged to deal with all public questions as constructively as a government party considers itself bound to deal with them. Unless it does it is not discharging its trust in the proper manner. In avoiding these questions at Kamloops the Conservative Party got off to a poor start under its new leader.

HOW IS IT WORKING?

IT IS BEING SUGGESTED THAT THERE are a number of people in this Province who are not operating under a beer-selling license, but who are hoping that the Liquor Control Board will issue one to them under the provisions of our beer-by-the-glass legislation.

It is not necessary for us to suggest to the Liquor Control Board that in those parts of the Province where it is permissible to sell beer by the glass there already seem to be sufficient licenses for the business.

What the Liquor Control Board might do, however, would be to survey the list of licensees with the object of discovering whether or not the number of these establishments could be cut down. Commissioner Davidson—whose job is far from a sinecure—and his staff have had an opportunity of forming a fairly good idea of how this part of the liquor law is working.

It would be unwise to put undue reliance on some of the reports of conditions obtaining in the beer parlors of the Province; nor would anybody suggest that no improvement could be made. For the time being, however, it should be reasonable to assume that sufficient licenses have been issued.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

PEACE LINES

From The Toledo Blade

We get along so beautifully with Canada, and only a boundary of thin air between—surely it ought to be possible to live always in peace with Europe, with the broad Atlantic to separate us.

EVERYBODY SHOULD BE HAPPY

From The Okanagan Cominer, Enderby

If British Columbia is as wet as the profits from liquor vending would indicate, and as dry as prohibitionists are kidding themselves into believing it is, then everybody ought to be happy.

Queer Quirks of Nature

By ARTHUR N. PACK

There are several insects which kill fish. They spend most of their lives in water, underneath stones or debris, or hiding in the mud on the bottom of a pond awaiting the coming of their prey.

The best known is the water tiger, a long, slender, ferocious creature with curved, sharp-pointed, hollow jaws with which it pierces its victim and sucks the blood, or juices into its mouth.

It is the younger stage of the water beetle, an oval, flattened, smooth insect whose long hind legs are fringed with stiff hairs and used like oars.

Both adult and young of this group are fierce and voracious, consuming great quantities of aquatic forms of life. The largest and perhaps the most destructive fish-killing insects are the giant water bugs; there are true sucking bugs attaining a length of nearly three inches.

The powerful hind legs are flattened and oar-like for swimming, the front ones curved and fitted for seizing and holding their prey.

One of these bugs will attack a fish three or four times its own size, grasping the fish with its curved forelegs, then plunging its large and powerful beak into the body to leisurely suck the blood of its victim, and at the same time secrete a poison that enters the wound.

Water scorpions search for and suck out the contents of the eggs and often attack the young fish. Their two front legs are for seizure while the other four are adapted for walking.

A THOUGHT

But when thou doest alms let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth.—Matt. vi, 21.
Charity in various guises is an intruder the poor see often; but courtesy and delicacy are visitants with which they are seldom honored.—Ouida.

Do You Mean What You Say?

NOT A PATCH UPON



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This expression, peculiar to some sections of the country, is used to indicate that one thing is not to be considered in the same class with another. A patch should match the material upon which it is placed—therefore, a person who is "not a patch upon" another is not to be compared with the other. "Not fit to hold a candle to him" is an expression, with a similar meaning.

Canadian Questions and Answers

SOME DISTANCES IN CANADA

Q.—What are some distances in Canada?
A.—The distance from Montreal to Calgary is 2,244 miles; to Edmonton, 2,205; to Fort William, 952; to Halifax, 886; to Ottawa, 111; to Prince Albert, 1,241; to Saskatoon, 1,878; to Regina, 1,769; to Toronto, 338; to Vancouver, 2,886; to Victoria, 2,965; to Winnipeg, 1,412.

The WEATHER

Victoria, Dec. 7.—5 a.m.: The barometer remains high on the coast and unsettled, mild weather prevails on the Pacific Slope. 50° temperatures are reported in Manitoba.

Reports
Victoria—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 47; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .03; weather, cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .03; weather, raining.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, maximum yesterday, 49; minimum, 34; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.1; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 46; wind, calm; rain, .4; weather, cloudy.

Estevan Point—Barometer, 30.59; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 48; wind, calm; rain, .70; weather, raining.

Tatooch—Barometer, 30.1; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 32 miles S.; rain, .04; weather, raining.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.43; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 42; wind, 4 miles S.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.40; temperature, maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 48; wind, 5 miles S.E.; rain, trace; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 54; wind, 15 miles N.W.; weather, clear.

Temperature		Max.	Min.
Victoria	47	42	45
Barkerville	46	40	48
Pentteton	46	40	48
Grand Forks	41	35	47
Nelson	41	35	47
Swift Current	43	37	49
Calgary	42	36	48
Edmonton	38	32	44
Regina	38	32	44
Winnipeg	32	26	38
Montreal	37	31	43
Toronto	37	31	43
Ottawa	37	31	43
St. John	37	31	43
Halifax	32	26	38

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legible. The Editor reserves the right to shorten the length of any article. All communications must bear the name of the writer, but not for publication unless the writer desires. The publication of letters is at the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed for letters submitted to the Editor.

OAK BAY AND WATER SITUATION

To the Editor:—I regret that I was unable to reach the Esquimalt Board of Trade banquet last Wednesday evening until after Reeve Ancombe of Oak Bay had spoken, otherwise I would have made a rather interesting reply to some of his statements on unity and the water question.

The fitness of raising a controversial question of this kind at a Board of Trade banquet is a matter taken up these questions at the fit and proper time and in the proper place.

According to newspaper reports, and they are usually correct, the Reeve of Oak Bay stated as follows: "That the heads of the Municipality were to blame for the present condition of things because they were not big enough to unite."

Now let me deal with the first remark. Reeve Ancombe takes me to task for signing a certain agreement. I might point out that this agreement was not signed until Saanich had given the matter full consideration, and many meetings were held upon the question. As it was obvious that it would take at least six months to a year to ne-

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gotiate a permanent contract and as the Summer was just upon us, for the sake of our agricultural people, we signed a temporary contract, which, with effect from April 1, 1927, there was a proviso in this contract or agreement, that either Saanich or the City of Victoria could commence negotiations at any time for a new contract, dating, of course, from April 1 of next year. This agreement called for a price of ten cents per 1,000 gallons for the first fifteen million gallons, eight cents per 1,000 gallons for the next ten million gallons, and still a further discount over the twenty-five million gallons.

I supported the signing of this agreement and if placed in the same position again would take a like action.

Mr. Ancombe states that when Oak Bay is through they will have a fair agreement. Good luck to Oak Bay and whatever price they get Saanich is going to claim a substantial reduction on same as it costs less to deliver water to Saanich than to Oak Bay.

Mr. Ancombe also states that the heads of the municipalities were to blame for the present condition of things because they were not big enough to unite. That so, and this especially refers to Oak Bay Municipality.

When Saanich and Esquimalt were over the City of Victoria one year ago fighting for what they considered their rights in connection with new water legislation, Oak Bay was very conspicuous by their absence. They were not big enough to throw away any petty considerations that they might have so far as their own interests were concerned.

So far as Saanich is concerned, it is true that when I consented to the agreement, I have fought the City of Victoria hard on certain questions, and at the same time I have always recognized that there are two sides to every question, and that it was to build up a progressive community in Greater Victoria, a spirit of compromise must rule and guide our actions.

I depreciate very much the attempts from time to time to inflame any feeling that might exist between Victoria and the surrounding municipalities, because just after election time, because just after election time, who are continually thinking of others must do evil themselves.

So far as Oak Bay is concerned, it is in the weakest community in Greater Victoria. It has up to date been a very self-centred district. It has not at any time within my knowledge shown itself as willing to take part in any community effort such as the Victoria-Saanich Parks and Beaches Committee, etc., but it has at all times been quite willing to make use of these facilities at the expense of other people.

I am now glad to note that according to the remarks of Reeve Ancombe that this attitude of Oak Bay is changing, and that this municipality has seen the light of day and will now endeavor to do its bit in building up a progressive community in Greater Victoria, even if it may mean a little effort and sacrifice on their part.

ROBT. MACNICOL,
Reeve, Saanich Municipality.

IS NOT SATISFIED

To the Editor:—I notice in your issue of December 3, you remark in the "Editorial" that the public should feel satisfied that the railroad trouble is settled.

As a Canadian and taxpayer, I feel in the name of heaven should I feel satisfied when a settlement means that an American trust has succeeded in exacting three per cent more out of the Canadian public and the railwaymen's union was declared a trust or combine by the highest courts of Canada a few years ago. They took advantage of war conditions to force their already high wages up sixty per cent under the McCord award although we could ill afford to pay it.

The nonsense talked about paying the same wages as the States is all bunk. Does Germany pay the same wages as France? Does Canada pay the same wages as the United States, although they are adjoining countries? Are you aware that many of the railway employees are receiving \$10 and \$12 a week, although our Government pays only \$6 a week?

I can assure you that thousands of lumber men and shippers running under severe competition are far from satisfied.

F. J. BROWNE.

HUNDREDS ENTER FIRST AID WORK

St. John Ambulance Association Competitions' Entries Close December 27

In announcing trophy competitions for 1927 the St. John Ambulance Association points to the excellent progress made in first aid work throughout Canada.

There are three groups of trophies for which teams of four persons, nine senior, one intermediate and two junior compete, with provincial trophy shields in each province, the winners and runners-up in each group being awarded gold, silver or bronze medals donated by the head office at Ottawa.

Prizes were valued last year at approximately \$10,000 and for them nearly 1,500 persons competed. The trophies were donated by the St. John Ambulance Association of all Canada, including employees of all manner of industrial firms, police, firemen, cadets, ladies, girl guides and boy scouts.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY WARMLY RECEIVED

Musical Club Presented Fine Programme; Vancouver Contralto Pleases

The Victoria Orchestral Society, in its first appearance of the season, under its present able conductor, Wilfrid A. Willet, presented a splendid account of itself last evening under the auspices of the Victoria Hotel Ballroom. Mr. Willet, now in his third season with this competent body of aspiring amateurs, is keeping his forces well and admirably together, and there is no question of doubt as to what he has accomplished and is accomplishing and of the ready and willing response of his players in the realm of symphonic music locally.

The opening number, the overture "Merry Wives of Windsor" (Carl Otto Nicolai, 1810-1849) an adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy of the same name, was given a brilliant performance and at once was a manifestation of the great advance this organization is making. The orchestra's effort was in Schubert's exquisite "Entrances Nos. 1 and 2" from "Ballad Music," so characteristic of this composer's imaginative and sensitive and passionate nature. Its rendering made a direct appeal as Schubert's music invariably does—to those present who were clamoring for repetition. The orchestra was rewarded with the "stanzas" being played over again.

Moszkowski's "Spanish Dance" No. 2 ("Bolero") proved another delightful fully played number. The orchestra's chief effort, however, was Mozart's symphony in G minor. This is one of the most beautiful of all symphonies and was written in the incredibly short time of ten days only. Schubert, speaking of this symphony, said: "You can hear the angels singing in it." The orchestra in the first movement, Allegro Molto, were splendidly and appropriately played, the opening theme being given out by the strings and the first violins, to the accompaniment of the violas. The minuet, one of the most popular minuets ever written, and a wonderfully contrasting "Trio" were beautifully played, those present again insisting on hearing once more at least a short part of the movement, the conductor having to bow his acknowledgments again and again.

Mr. Willet must be congratulated upon his complete success last evening. The assisting artists were Mrs. M. X. Hodgson, contralto of Vancouver, who starred down in our columns two seasons ago. Mrs. Hodgson is securely assured for herself a fine pinnacle of vocal achievement. She is a woman of fine gifts, has a gorgeous voice, is thoroughly schooled and is uniting in person the qualities of a singer with rare intelligence, and her selections are always good. Her diction, too, is a treat, her consonants particularly clear, and she carries conviction and a sincerity that fail not in reaching the hearts of her hearers.

She chose in all six numbers, among which were "Voca di Don Giovanni" (Voca), the great contralto aria from Ponchielli's "La Gioconda," "In Hermit" (In Autumn) by Franz, one of the most popular of this composer's two hundred or more songs. Coleridge-Taylor's "A Blood-red Ring Hung Round the Moon," and "Invocation to Life," a fine song, both of these sustaining her voice superbly.

The canary donated by Dorothy Owen was won by Mrs. Ruffell, and Mrs. R. H. Whitehead, who carried off the possession of the four yards of hand-made crocheted lace donated by Doris Dunsford.

Duncan

Duncan, Dec. 6.—Frithian Sisters Maple Temple No. 30 held a very successful sale of work, afternoon tea, etc., at the new Parkville Hotel, Duncan, Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Dunkeld, most excellent chef, had general supervision. A well-laden work stall was presided over by Mrs. W. Evans; cooked food, Mrs. Chester, and afternoon tea, Mrs. Halsey.

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Chicago, Dec. 7.—Agriculture was summoned to press with constant aggressiveness toward federal farm aid legislation by Sam H. Thompson of Quincy, Illinois, in the presidential address which opened the eighth annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation here yesterday. To the thousands of farmers gathered for the greatest agrarian session of the year he gave that keynote, but he tempered it with counsel of deliberate decision on measures to meet their problems. Especially did he urge nothing be done that would in any degree injure the co-operative marketing movement, which, he said, had performed a vast service even though it had not effected complete agricultural stabilization.

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PARKVILLE INSTITUTE HELPS NAVY LEAGUE

At the regular monthly meeting of the Parkville Women's Institute of twenty-eight members were present owing to the stormy day. The meeting was held at the usual place, in consequence of the officers took place, including the names of Mesdames Armstrong, Brown, Cruise, Hickey, Harrison, Roscow, Tryon, Wilcock, and Miss Dashwood. A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Braithwaite of Ewington, in her sad loss.

ELECTION PROTEST MADE IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Dec. 7.—A deputation of Conservatives from the constituency of South Bruce waited on Hon. W. H. Price, Attorney-General of Ontario, yesterday, and urged action be taken to bring into the courts the election of M. A. McCallum, Progressive candidate in South Bruce in the recent provincial general election. The Conservatives protesting in the election of M. A. McCallum claim they are in a position to show financial consideration was extended to possible candidates representing other parties, with the result that these candidates did not enter the contest, leaving the battle a straight fight between the Conservatives and Progressives.

COVINGHAM HEALTH CENTRE

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While, fortunately, the volume of hardship in Victoria is slight compared to that known in other days, there are many genuine cases where poverty of the undisclosed and self-respecting type occurs. This can only be relieved by affording work, and not charity, to those who are, for the moment, unfortunately placed.

There must be 2,000 homes in Victoria where a fence needs repairing, a collar cleaning, a yard to tidy up, out-house to paint, together with small repairs, whitewashing and a hundred jobs that the householder has been too busy to attend to himself. point out employment service officials.

Why not give a man a day's work, two days if your purse permits. Many too proud to disclose the real distress of their homes, would be proud to work at anything for the few dollars they need to preserve Christmas for their families.

"We know the men who are seeking work, and not charity. We have lists here giving all particulars as to the class of work each one can do. Our telephone number is 184, and anyone giving this appeal attention will find that the sincerest form of present that can be given this season to place on our Christmas tree is a job. Give a job!"

Ready sympathy for the appeal has been accorded to the employment service by departmental and other stores in the city. Many premises are including a brief appeal in their daily advertising, while others are giving work.

Brentwood

Brentwood, Dec. 6.—The sale of work held by the West Saanich Women's Institute on Saturday in the Institute Hall proved most successful. The affair was opened by Mrs. V. B. McLaughlin, president of Women's Institutes, who in a pleasing little address congratulated the members on their splendid efforts and wished them all success in carrying on the work. Mrs. McLaughlin was presented with a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums by Lillian Walker.

Miss Evelyn Nimmo gave great pleasure with her singing, Mrs. Overton being accompanist. The work stall presided over by Mr. Wallace and Mrs. Haddon did a brisk business. Home cooking was in charge of Mrs. Anderson and Miss Maher, and candy was sold by Mrs. A. Guy and Mrs. J. Osborne. The teas were looked after by Mrs. Overton, Mrs. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Freeman, the assistants being Ruby Haddon, Bertha Snider, Lillian Walker and Miss L. McLaughlin. A most popular booth was that of Mrs. McQueen, who was kept very busy both afternoon and evening in reading hands.

In the evening a social was held, a short programme occupying the first part of the evening and was greatly enjoyed. Those taking part were: Duet, violin and piano, Lillian and Eleanor Walker; folk dances, sixteen girls from the West Saanich School, very gracefully executed. Recitations, Jack Rutland, "Johnny Coteau" and "Tommy's Autograph." Mrs. McLeod sang very sweetly two solos, and Eleanor Walker gave a piano solo.

Progressive five hundred was played at nine tables. The winners were: Ladies, Mrs. L. Thomson; gentlemen, E. Sidwell; consolation, Miss L. McLaughlin and S. Sidwell. A dance followed for which the Misses Eleanor and Lillian Walker, Mrs. McLeod and Mr. T. Walker provided the music. Mr. W. O. Wallace made a capable chairman and announced that the financial returns of the day's sale had made it possible to entirely clear the hall of debt and leave a substantial balance. This event will be celebrated after the Christmas holidays by a supper and social evening. Tombolas were won by Mesdames Heyworth, Freeman, Fen, Lacourse, L. McLaughlin, Atkins, Messrs. Yardley, Freeman, Atkins. The beautiful Christmas cake, the work of Mrs. S. Fox, was won by Mrs. V. B. McLaughlin. The box of apples donated by Mrs. Radcliffe was won by Rev. Father Scheele. The tea cloth and service donated by Mrs. W. Watt was won by Mrs. J. O. Wallace. The Institute desires to thank all those who contributed tombolas and other donations and assisted in making the affair such a success.

Mr. Herbert Creed left on Monday on a trip to Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Harding of Verdier Avenue, left today on a trip to England, having leased their home to Colonel and Mrs. Stewart, who have recently arrived in Victoria from the Old Country.

A jolly party, comprising the ladies and men's basketball teams of the West Saanich Athletic Association were conveyed by H. Creed and F. Richardson's launch to Mill Bay, where they were met by motors taken to the Shawigan Lake Hall, where two very snappy games were played. The West Road won in the game by 26 to 8, but the ladies' team lost by one point. The Shawigan Association proved very good hosts and entertained to a splendid dance and supper after the game, the party arriving home well pleased with their evening's sport.

The Andrians of Victoria will play the local team at the West Road Hall on Friday, December 10, with the usual dance to follow the games.

The pupils of the West Saanich school are preparing for their annual Christmas concert, which takes place on December 16 in the Institute Hall.

The regular card party under the auspices of the West Saanich Women's Institute will be held in the Institute Hall on Wednesday, December 8.

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Carrie Hagw and Mr. Joseph McClure, which took place on November 13 in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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—Main Floor

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COATS

On Sale Wednesday, Each

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For Wednesday we have selected from our regular stock of Coats a number to sell at a bargain price. These are made of velour cloth with large fur collars, set-in sleeves and turn-back cuffs. They are trimmed with cable stitching, pin tucks and are fully lined. All popular shades; sizes 14 to 44. On Sale, each \$9.90

—Mantles, First Floor

White Brocade Brassieres, \$1.49

Brassieres of white brocade cotton, back hook style with inset of elastic in waistline. Nice quality and good fitting, made extra deep. Each \$1.49

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Wool Hug-me-tights, Special \$2.25

Dainty All Wool Hug-Me-Tights in cape style, knit in shell stitch, with three-quarter sleeves, ribbon ties at neck and shaped to a point at back. Shown in many pretty contrasting color effects. Each \$2.25

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Pure Silk Hose in shades of black, silver, illusion, beige, new grey, bois de rose, French nude, atmosphere, champagne, rain, tulle, Circassian, amber, powder blue and gold. A pair 98c

—Hosiery, Main Floor

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Fancy Arm Bands in gift boxes. Special, a pair 25c

Men's Elastic Web Braces, fancy stripe designs. Each pair in a fancy box. Special 50c

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Men's Universal Brand All Wool Sports Pullovers, shown in fancy patterns and designs, make very acceptable Christmas gifts for the young men. Each \$4.95

—Men's Furnishings, Main Floor

COUNCIL TO HOLD LOT FOR STUDENTS

Will Await Definite Statement of School Board's Policy in 1927

Reeve R. P. Matheson informed the Sequalmalt Council last night that the school board had indicated its intention to purchase the lot which had been put at the disposal of the school students for a playground and the council decided to hold the property until the board had reached a definite decision.

It was probable that the board will include the purchase of the lot in "extraordinary expenditures" for 1927, said the Reeve.

Councillor Anderson and Neale suggested that a cash offer be made for the lot which had been on the tax sale list for the last three years. They agreed that the board might not agree in 1927 to purchase the lot. Reeve Matheson declared he did not wish to be responsible for taking the lot off the tax sale list, but admitted that money paid by the board for the lot was simply taken out of one pocket and placed in another.

Councillor Neale recommended that the board be asked for a definite statement of policy and of its intentions.

The council was unwilling to lose a sale by taking the lot off the tax sale list. The lot was originally reserved because it was a proposed site for the Sequalmalt High School. It was not used for building, but was utilized as a playground and as it actually adjoined the school grounds, it was a desirable acquisition, said the Reeve.

Three motions were ultimately put to reserve it, one to sell it and another to lay the matter on the table and wait for definite word as to the board's intention.

Councillor Neale moved an amendment that the lot be sold. His motion found a second. The council heard the arguments of councillors for and against the second motion, put the amendment to the vote and defeated it. Councillor Neale's motion carried without a dissenting voice.

Keating

Keating, Dec. 6.—The South Saanich Women's Institute entertained at their fortnightly card party in the Temperance Hall on Saturday evening and a jolly evening was spent. A number of visitors from Sidney, North Saanich, Lake Hill, Saanich and Mount Newton were present and fourteen tables were engaged in the game of military five hundred. Port No. 12 was the first flag won first prize, the players being E. T. Lawrie, Gosnell, Hydes

Thousands of New Settlers for British Columbia

New Market Will Be Opened Up for B.C. Farmers and Factories

There have been many theories advanced and many schemes put forward with the idea of attracting new settlers and more workers to British Columbia, but the most effective and most easily applied method is often overlooked.

British Columbia cannot hope to obtain more people unless she offers them work to do. When they obtain steady jobs and reasonable wages they become assets, good citizens and taxpayers.

The question is—"How can this work be created?" Work goes hand in hand with industry and industry comes from the investment of brains and money. Money is required to establish industry and money is required to keep it running. This money is best obtained by selling the products of the industry.

The success of industry in British Columbia, then, depends largely upon the willingness of the buying public to patronize B.C. products.

There are at present 236,018 male buyers over fifteen years of age and 179,335 female buyers over fifteen years of age, a total of 415,353 buyers in B.C. who are in the market for goods almost every day of the year. The spending power of these people is about \$392,000,000 per year or about \$2.21 per day per person. A certain amount of this money, it is difficult to say how much, is already being spent on B.C. goods. If, however, these people would just spend 25¢ per day more on B.C. products than they are now doing, they would add over \$15,000,000 to the factory payrolls of the Province and give employment to 12,500 workers—a town in themselves. But these workers have their families; allowing an average of four to a family, it is found that 50,000 people would be added to the population. These people have all to be fed, clothed and housed; the farmers would benefit and new settlers would be attracted to the land; all other lines of business would be stimulated and British Columbia would take a jump forward on the road to prosperity.

Everyone can help by remembering, this Christmas, to ask for British Columbia goods—they may be easily obtained at reasonable prices.

WINTER SEASON TO ATTRACT VISITORS

J. J. Forster of C.P.R. Would Capitalize Canadian Winter to Make Tourists Come

Montreal, Que., Dec. 7.—"Sell, Our Lady of the Snows, to the World," is the slogan of J. J. Forster, passenger traffic manager, C.P.R., interviewed after a thirty-six-day trip across the United States, Middle West and Pacific Coast states, returning via B.C. and the Prairie Provinces.

"Capitalize the Canadian Winter and make two tourists come where one or none came before," he continued. "It is foolishness to ignore the fact that Canada, like every other temperate zone country, has four seasons. We make much, and rightly so, of the Canadian Spring, Summer and Fall, and we extol with every reason the Dominion's fishing, hunting and scenic advantages. Why should we not tell the world that the Canadian Winter is what it is—a season of the keenest exhilaration and fullest health-giving qualities."

Mr. Forster visited—Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle. From the latter city he proceeded to Victoria, Vancouver and thirty miles to the north, to the town of Kamloops, B.C. and back to Montreal. He expressed his admiration of the spectacle of the snow-covered prairies. "There were 900 miles of pure white virgin snow between Calgary and Winnipeg, and the air, clear as crystal, was delightful."

Mr. Forster points out that for many years those interested in immigration were strongly opposed to winter sports, ice palaces and "anything of that nature, as it was felt it would have a deterrent effect on immigration. All this feeling has, he declared, passed away. The Canadian public are beginning to realize that the Canadian Winter is an asset, that it is healthy and vigorous, and something to tell the world about. Quoting from J. J. Hill, railway magnate, Mr. Forster summed up his views in the remark that a real country is one in which a man has to wear an overcoat at certain times of the year and one in which he can enjoy the four seasons, each after its kind."

The Ladies' Aid of the South Saanich United Church will hold the monthly meeting in the church parlor on Thursday afternoon, December 9, at 2.30 o'clock.

The Saanich Pioneers' Society held a meeting in the Agricultural Hall on Saturday evening when it was decided to hold the annual pioneers' dance on New Year's Eve in the Agricultural Hall. F. Turgoose, J. Black, C. Moses, L. Hagan, G. S. Mitchell and W. D. Mitchell were appointed on a committee to arrange for the music, and also to meet the ladies at a special meeting to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Turgoose, Saanichton, on Monday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock, to make arrangements for the catering.

The Saanichton School will hold its Christmas concert in the Agricultural Hall, Saanichton on Thursday evening, December 16, when the public will present a programme under the supervision of their teachers, Mr. Harmon and Miss Pinder, to be followed by a dance.

The annual Country Store entertainment, concert and dance will be held by the South Saanich Women's and Farmers' Institute in the Temperance Hall on Friday evening, December 10, commencing at 8 o'clock. A large number of articles will be given away at the store while other prizes will be a hand-made wool comforter, Christmas cake, turkey and dressed doll. Ray Kinlock's three-piece orchestra will supply the music for the dance and a concert programme will follow the distribution of the prizes and refreshments will be served.

The members of the South Saanich Young People's Club visited the Aged Men's Home in Victoria on Friday evening and presented a programme of music, songs and recitations for the entertainment of the inmates. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Ganges

Ganges, Dec. 6.—A concert party from Victoria gave a concert at the Mahon Hall on Wednesday evening. The party was composed of Miss Hicks, Mrs. Warren and Miss New.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Patterson have moved into Mr. Pittman's cottage by the Ganges school.

The Salt Spring Island Development League held their second meeting at Fulford on Thursday evening. There was considerable discussion retransplantation, consolidation of schools, etc. The next meeting will be held some time in March.

On November 30 Victor J. P. Warner, of Ganges and Miss Janet Craig Donaldson of Ottawa, daughter of Col. J. D. Donaldson, were married at St. Mark's Church by the Rev. J. W. Flinton. Miss Donaldson was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Col. Pugh. Mr. Hoole was best man. After a honeymoon in Vancouver they will reside at Ganges.

Col. and Mrs. Pugh are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hoole for a few weeks, then they expect to spend the winter at Los Angeles, Cal.

The ladies of St. Paul's Catholic Church gave a most successful military five hundred drive and dance at the Fulford Hall on Friday evening. The hall was decorated for the occasion with greenery and red Christmas bells. There were twenty tables in play. There were three tables with the highest score of twenty-seven tags, a cut was made at the first prize went to Miss Elinor Gropp, Raymond Morris, Paul Carlson (as lady) and Billy Coopals. Second cut was won by Florence Mollet, Fergus Reed, Evelyn King and R. Akerman. After these prizes were given out Father Sheeley, master of ceremonies, announced that one chair in the hall was a lucky chair, and all who sat in it would win a prize. Mrs. M. Gynes won this; also several tombola prizes were given out, and those holding lucky tickets were the winners. Gerald Hamilton, Betty Harris, Mr. Jameski, Mr. Curley, Tilly Akerman and Mrs. Ruckel. C. W. Baker won a turkey, which was donated by Mrs. Maxwell. Mrs. R. Maxwell won a goose that was donated by Mr. Gynes. Mrs. Ruckel won a fruit cake that was given by Mrs. Ted Akerman. Miss Crossley of Sidney played for the dance.

The meteorological report from Ganges for November, by Mrs. E. N. Murdoch, observer, is: Mean temperature, 46.35; highest temperature, 62.4 on the 6th; lowest temperature, 29 on the 19th; light hail on 31st; rain on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st.

"Engaged by Wednesday"—A three-act farce, under the auspices of Axioms' Sunday school class, First United Church, Thursday, December 9, at 8.15 p.m., in the church hall. Admission 50¢. Proceeds in aid of Christmas hamper week.

EX-SHERIFF FACES CHARGE OF MURDER

Klansmen in Williamson County, Illinois, Deplore New Sheriff's Act

Marion, Ill., Dec. 7.—George Galligan, bitter anti-Klax Klansman, retired yesterday after four turbulent years as sheriff of Williamson County, Illinois, and was later arrested by Oregon Coleman, his successor, on a murder charge.

Galligan was charged in a warrant sworn to by Mrs. Charles Woodard with the murder of her husband, one of six killed in a Klan and anti-Klan gun fight at Herrin August 30, 1924. The arrest, however, is deplored by Klansmen, who in the interest of peace had agreed with members of the other faction there would be no further prosecutions on either side.

GRAND JURY TO DECIDE

The former sheriff furnished \$5,000 bonds pending action of the grand jury.

Galligan, whose spectacular four-year term has left him aged far beyond his thirty-eight years, says he plans to return to the coal mines, which he entered as a boy of eleven. The sheriff's office has been a storm centre since the Herrin mine riots of 1922, when twenty-two were killed. Galligan came into office shortly after the riots and soon became engaged in warfare with Klansmen, led by the late S. Glenn Young, whose liquor raids he resented. Galligan refused to resign as requested by the Klan-controlled county board of supervisors, but at the request of Governor Small and militia officials he took a "vacation" from the county, returning after the next election, when the Klan lost control.

In the recent warfare between the Klan and Biggar factions for control of the Southern Illinois liquor trade, Galligan took no part, declaring he and his one deputy were powerless to cope with the situation.

AN EDUCATED SHERIFF

Coleman, the new sheriff, is forty years old, a bachelor, a university graduate, World War veteran, retired farmer and former high school principal. He is more than six feet tall and is stockily built and square jawed. He was elected on a law enforcement platform.

THIS MODERN WHIRL

Mother (coming in at 2 a.m.)—There is no need to sit up for me. I have a latch-key.

Daughter—I know; but someone must wait up for grandmother—Sondagelise-Biriz/Stockholm.

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SPECIAL DRUG REDUCTIONS

Glycerine and Rose Water, 35¢ value 17¢

Oil of Eucalyptus, double size, 50¢ value 34¢

Parish's Chemical Food, 50¢ value, at 34¢

Epsom Salts, 15¢ value, 2 packets for 10¢

Bath Soap Tablets, extra large, 25¢ value, 3 for 59¢

Boric acid or Zinc Ointments, 25¢ value for 18¢

Petrolatum Vaseline, 1-lb. tins, each 23¢

Hutax Tooth Paste, 25¢ size, 17¢

Sterilized Tooth Brushes, 35¢ value for 23¢

Plum, assorted odors, 25¢ value for 18¢

—Drugs, Main Floor, H.B.C.

Half-day Specials in Food Supplies

Libby's Mince-meat, per lb. 25¢

Choice Local Mince-meat, per lb. 15¢

Domestic Shortening, per package, at 20¢

Domestic Brand Ham, per lb. 35¢

Swift's Cooked Ham, per lb. 65¢

Golden Loaf Cheese, per lb. 38¢

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES

Robertson's Cherry and Genoa Cakes, per box 90¢

Robertson's Shortbread, per box 90¢

Robertson's Luxury Cakes, each, at 1.00

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Extra Fancy Okanagan Apples, 3 lbs. for 25¢

Choice Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. 15¢

Finest Japanese Oranges, per box, at 85¢

Cape Cod Cranberries, 2 lbs. for 45¢

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Pascal's Candy Smoking Sets, containing chocolate cigars, cigarettes and matches. Per box, special 85¢

Pascal's Candy Store, containing candy, scales and scoop. Special, each 45¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Half-day Specials in the Meat Department

Pot Roast, 6 lbs. for 1.00

Round Roast, 6 lbs. for 1.00

Round Steak, 6 lbs. for 1.00

Rib Mutton Chops, 4 lbs. for 1.00

Loaf Mutton Chops, 3 lbs. for 1.00

Fresh Sliced Beef Liver, 2 lbs. for 25¢

Prime Rib Roast, per lb. 25¢

Spouse's Mild Kippers, 2 lbs. for 25¢

Spouse's Sable Cod, per lb. 25¢

Golden Ray Fillets, per lb. 25¢

—Lower Main Floor, H.B.C.

Practical Gifts in the Staple Section

Embroidered Tea Sets

Made from fine linen finished cotton and beautifully embroidered in charming designs in blue and helio; cloth 36x36-inch and six napkins. Per set 1.95

Italian Hand-embroidered Linen Towels

Embroidered in many beautiful designs, some finished with colored ends. Prices, \$1.00, \$1.50 and 1.95

Embroidered Pillow Cases

Embroidered in pleasing designs and finished with scalloped and hemstitched ends; each pair neatly boxed for Christmas giving. Per pair 1.35

Fancy Turkish Towels

Shown in plain and jacquard weaves with colored ends in blue, rose, gold and helio; size 20x40-inch. Specially boxed for gifts. Price 99¢

Novelty Linen Bridge Sets

Oyster Linen Bridge Sets embroidered in blue, gold, green and helio; cloth size 36x36-inch, four napkins to match. Price 5.75

Bathrobe Blankets

Make up a cosy bathrobe or dressing gown from one of these bathrobe blankets. Complete with girdle and neck cord. Designs and colors for men's and women's wear. Price, each 7.50

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

A Special in Women's Fabric Gloves

Good Wearing Suede Finished Fabric

Gloves with turn-back cuffs embroidered in pastel shades, embroidered points. Choose from sand, mode and pastel; sizes 6 to 7½; regular \$1.00. Special at, per pair 79¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's and Misses' Fur-trimmed Coats

A Collection of Smart Coats in velour, blanket cloth and tweeds. All good styles with large pockets and handsome collars of Arctic hare, mouflon and thibetian; full lined; sizes 16 to 40. Special at 12.95

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Flannelette Nightgowns, Special, 89¢

Good quality white gowns, slipover style neck and sleeves trimmed with lace edging or colored piping; value 89¢

1.25. Special at 89¢

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Boxed Handkerchiefs Reduced for Wednesday Morning

Colored Handkerchiefs with contrasting embroidered or lace applique corners; also lace edges. White lawn handkerchiefs with self or colored embroidered corners. Pure linen handkerchiefs with hand-embroidered corners, two and three in attractive box. Special at, per box 59¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Novelty Garters, Special, 69¢ a Pair

Fancy Satin Ribbon Garters in self and two-tone colors with contrasting edges. Finished with ribbon rosette or flower. Many colors to choose from. Boxed for gift giving. Special at, per pair 69¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Silk Hosiery \$1.49 a Pair

Service Weight Pure Thread Silk Hose with lisle hemmed or elastic ribbed tops. Shown in colors of sunset, cameo, torador, beige, French nude, bois de rose, cocoa, hoggart, parchment, grain, atmosphere and fawn; sizes 8½ to 10. Special at, per pair 1.49

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Novelty Gift Scarves

Values to \$2.50 for \$1.95

Good Quality Crepe de Chine Scarves in shades of rose, grey, Copenhagen, sand, orange, maize and sky with hemstitched borders; also with stencil designs and floral effects. Included too are a number of Rayon Silk Scarves in various colors; values, to \$2.50. Special at, each 1.95

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

Women's Gift Slippers, Special 89¢ a Pair

English-made Fine Felt Slippers in

Everett style with turnover cuff and grey buckskin soles. Choice of Chanel red, helio and French green; sizes 3 to 8. Special at, per pair 89¢

—Main Floor, H.B.C.

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Rayon Silk Vests

Good quality rayon silk vests in attractive shades, opera top style. Choose from peach, June rose, Nile green, apricot, orchid and sunni. Price 1.00

Rayon Silk Bloomers

Medium weight rayon silk bloomers, full cut garments in sunni, peach, Nile green, June rose, black and white. Priced 1.95

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Boudoir Caps, Special, 69¢

Attractive Caps in plain or floral voile, trimmed with neat lace edging and ribbon bows. Shown in sky, pink, peach, maize and white. Special at 69¢

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Dainty Rubber Aprons Special, 59¢

Good Size Rubber Aprons with novelty cretonne pocket, finished with neat check piping. Shown in blue, orchid, green, orange and rose. Price 59¢

—Second Floor, H.B.C.

Half-day Specials in Toytown, Third Floor

Mechanical Train Sets

Consists of engine, tender, two cars and four-piece circular track. Special at 98¢

Mechanical Toys

Spec, the coon drummer, Jazzbo Jim, the dancer on the roof, Casey the cop, Goble the gob 69¢

bling goose, Special at, 69¢

100 Bobbed Hair Dolls at \$1.00 Each

19-inch bobbed haired dolls with sleeping eyes, light or dark hair, fully jointed; undressed. Special at, 1.00

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Complete with paints and brush; regular 75¢. Special 59¢

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Having served four years on the City School Board, and the last two as Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, I now seek to extend my service in Civic Administration, and ask for an extension of the confidence placed in me upon two former occasions by my fellow citizens.
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GALE WORKS HAVOC ON THE MARITIMES

Half a Million Dollar Loss to Shipping; Seven Vessels Wrecked

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 7.—One man dead, four injured, all as a result of the storm, probably half a million dollar loss to shipping, involving loss or damage to a dozen sailing craft, and several small steamers, wharves, bridges and fish sheds washed away in a record-breaking high tide; land traffic tied up and electrical communication interrupted throughout the Maritimes, was the toll of damage left in the wake of a blizzard of unprecedented fury which swept the Atlantic seaboard during the past twenty-four hours.

A heavy snowfall which started last night, had been blown into huge drifts, rendering many country roads impassable, and stopping all but the most essential commercial activity.

At midnight the storm seemed to be abating in Nova Scotia.

At Halifax, on the anniversary of the great explosion, the waterfront streets were flooded by the high tides.

Vessels wrecked were as follows: Three-masted schooner Southhead, in ballast from St. Pierre for Halifax; total loss at the entrance to Herring Cove, Halifax County.

Schooner W. O. Smith, lumber laden, for New York; a total loss at Port Herbert, Quebec County.

Schooner Coreau, lumber laden, for New York; a total loss at Quoddy, Halifax County.

Fishing schooner R. I. Mackenzie, ashore at Lockport, Shelburne County.

Unknown schooner ashore at Gull Cove, Grand Manan, N.B.

Schooner Atlanta, laden with potatoes; a total loss at Low Point, C.B.

In addition to the tug Ocean Spray, which had gone on the rocks near Canso, last week, broke in two in the gale and disappeared.

Webb of Winnipeg Says Hudson Line To be Completed

Montreal, Dec. 7.—"As far as the prairies are concerned, the Hudson Bay Railway is an accomplished fact," Mayor R. H. Webb of Winnipeg told the Montreal Canadian Club yesterday. "We are not coming to ask you to support us in getting it finished. We have a government at Ottawa whose life blood depends on carrying out the promises that put it into power."

"The reason why the Conservatives are not in power is that they double-crossed themselves on the prairies on this very question."

Charles Dunning is Minister of Railways. He is from Saskatchewan. And Saskatchewan is going to have the Hudson Bay Railway finished. That is why he is there. He can not go back to Saskatchewan unless he implements the promises made.

"We do not understand the answer that it is not economically sound to proceed with the Hudson Bay Railway when in the same breath \$25,000,000 is given to Toronto, millions to Montreal, millions to Quebec, all being paid by Canada as a whole. If it is necessary for the prairies to wait, then it is also necessary for the East to wait."

Fire in Freighter Now Under Control

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 7.—United States naval radio stations at Hinchinbrook and Seapoint, Alaska, intercepted fragments of radio messages from the freighter West Knoson to-day that a fire in the ship was under control. The vessel was in communication with a station on Digby Island, B.C., and the steamship West Knoson.

SAN FRANCISCO SHIPPING

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The N.Y.K. Line Korea Maru will sail to-day for the Orient with 330 passengers and 5,300 tons of cargo, the largest item of which is California cotton. The vessel will arrive at Yokohama, December 22.

The Norwegian motorship City of Nome, which has been a "mystery ship" to maritime authorities for nearly a year, is due to arrive here to-day in tow of the tug Sea Lion. The motorship suffered engine trouble and had to go into port at Salina Cruz, Mexico, where she was picked up October 11 by the tug.

SEATTLE SHIPPING

Seattle, Dec. 7.—O. E. Elsenhals, district manager in Seattle for the McCormick Steamship Company, in a letter to Pacific Coast patrons of the line Saturday urged increased use of American flagships for merchandise transportation to foreign ports. Elsenhals quoted from a talk of T. V. O'Connor, chairman of the United States Shipping Board, which said that American flag services were maintained to all world ports irrespective of strike disturbances.

The inter-coastal Munson-McCormick freighter, Charles R. McCormick is due in Seattle December 10, with 1,500 tons of general cargo from North Atlantic ports. It is to load here for Havanna and Jacksonville, Fla. in Pacific Argentine and Brazil service, is to arrive here the last of December.

The American Mail line steamship President Madison is to reach Seattle December 13 with 4,500 bags of mail, largely Christmas greetings from the Orient. In addition the cargo includes 6,000 bales of raw silk and 400 cases of manufactured silk valued at \$5,000,000.

Norton, Lilly and Company's inter-coastal service steamship Henry S. Grove sailed for Vancouver Saturday to load for North Atlantic ports. The British steamship City of Singapore is expected here Monday or Tuesday to load for the United Kingdom. The Argonaut line steamship Maine was at Tacoma Saturday loading for the United Kingdom.

The Gulf-Pacific line steamship Pint Judith which was to arrive here Saturday was delayed by fog on the Columbia River. H. Seldon Brown, district manager, was advised Saturday.

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IMPROVEMENT SEEN IN RAIL OPERATIONS

Annual Statement of Department of Railways and Canals Issued at Ottawa

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The annual report of the Department of Railways and Canals just issued, contains an analysis of the Canadian National Railway's requirements and results of operation over the six-year period, 1920 to 1925.

It includes statements showing an improvement that has taken place since the various railways were taken over by the Government. The report deals with the long-term debt from the standpoint of individual lines and shows complete advances to date, \$681,082, by the Dominion to the companies.

The following were the operation results of the National Railways for the calendar year ending 1925: 1920 deficit, \$34,532,000; 1921 deficit, \$11,543,000; 1922 surplus, \$2,886,000; 1923 surplus, \$20,430,000; 1924 surplus, \$17,244,000; 1925 surplus, \$32,254,000. Total deficits, after all charges, over the same period are as follows: 1920, \$80,475,000; 1921, \$65,166,000; 1922, \$57,940,000; 1923, \$51,897,000; 1924, \$44,444,000; 1925, \$41,444,000. Grand total deficits, \$356,308,000.

Continued improvement is noted in the report of Major Graham, Deputy Minister of the Department of Railways.

"In last year's report attention was drawn to the marked improvement in the National Railway's results over the five-year period," states the Deputy Minister. "It is now possible to add the more pronounced improvement of 1925, which carries with it the expectation that 1926 may find the Canadian National management in a position to pay all interest charges due the public from interest earnings, which would mean that for the first time it will have been possible to meet such charges without borrowing from either the Government or the public for interest purposes."

Major Bell points out that the improvement can be seen in a number of directions. During the fiscal year 1921-22 it was necessary to provide \$183,000,000 on Canadian National Railway account, while the 1925-26 requirement of the Government was \$10,000,000. During 1920 the additions to the funded and unfunded debt of the railways amounted to \$145,000,000, of which sum \$14,000,000 was unpaid Government interest and \$131,000,000 other debt. In 1925 the addition to the funded and unfunded debt of the railway amounted to \$42,000,000, of which \$31,000,000 was interest due the Government and \$11,000,000 actual outlay. The operating deficit was \$34,500,000,000 in 1920, while 1925 there was an operating surplus of \$32,254,000.

The report of the accountant of the department carries forward the total expenditure of the department prior to and since Confederation, giving separately the expenditure on all canals as well as railway expenditure, including subsidies. To March 31 last this grand total expenditure amounted to \$1,215,475,865, of which \$239,247,391 was for canals.

HUDSON BAY LINE

Since 1909, the report shows \$15,245,000 has been spent on the Hudson Bay Railway, and \$6,242,000 on the Port Nelson terminals.

The report was made public late yesterday afternoon.

Steamship Rate on Fibre Packed Goods Has Been Increased

Montreal, Dec. 7.—No additional charge of 5 cents a cubic foot or 10 cents per 100 pounds will be levied by the steamship lines in the Canadian Transatlantic Conference for the transportation of commodities packed in fibre containers, which was to have applied as from January 1, 1927, until further investigation has been made.

The conference, which waived this contemplated charge temporarily, announced on Saturday that bills of lading, covering commodities moving from Canadian Atlantic ports to United Kingdom and continental ports on and after January 1 and packed in fibre, veneer or plywood containers, will be endorsed with the following clause: "Packages insufficient in strength to justify the charge assumed all risk of loss and damage not occasioned by negligence of the carrier."

WOMAN TELLS OF TIDAL WAVES IN SOLOMON ISLES

Mrs. E. Svensen on Island Swept by Tremendous Waves

Severe earth shocks every ten minutes, and lasting nearly a week, was the experience of Mrs. E. Svensen of Kokomurika Island, of the British Solomon Isles, who has written to The Times telling of earthquakes and tidal waves.

On September 17, at 4:15 o'clock in the morning, severe shaking of the ground awoke the writer, who was alone on the island, with the exception of natives, her husband being away on business. Mrs. Svensen ran out into the open, where trees and houses were falling.

Going to the native quarters the lady succeeded in rousing them into action and they made Mrs. Svensen's launch. Shortly after reaching the vessel a tidal wave made itself evident. Breaking in large waves on the reefs the sea and sand over the island. At daylight the elements abated and Mrs. Svensen was able to inspect the damage. Houses were destroyed, great trees were pulled up, the coconuts and there were landslides all over the island. Many large holes and cracks had also opened up.

Mrs. Svensen states that it was dark when the quakes first started and during the shaking her only lamp was wrecked. In order to obtain light she had to burn dry coconuts.

The natives claim the tidal waves are caused by evil spirits on the reefs.

CREW SAVED FROM WRECKED SCHOONER

Seven Men Taken From W. M. Reinhardt by Breeches Buoy Early To-day

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 7.—All seven members of the crew of the three-masted schooner W. M. Reinhardt were rescued by breeches buoy early to-day after the craft had been driven ashore at Race Point during a gale.

All seven survivors were frost-bitten and suffering from exposure when brought to shore by the crew of the Race Point coastguard station under command of Capt. William Wolf. Two of them were unable to walk after they were lifted from the schooner, straggled to the beach from the breeches buoy. They were taken to the coastguard station and given medical attention.

The schooner was bound from Albert, N.B., to City Island, N.Y., under command of Capt. Burnham Tower of Sackville, N.B. Caught in the northeast storm off the New England coast Sunday, the craft lost all her sails and rudder and had since drifted helplessly at the mercy of the sea. Buffeted by the waves and wind, the schooner struck the beach about half a mile from the Race Point coastguard station about 1:30 a.m. to-day. Coastguard officials were of the opinion that the schooner would be a total loss.

Notice to Mariners

Mariners are notified that owing to damage to the submarine cable, the fog horn at Ogden Point, entrance to Victoria Harbor, B.C., is out of commission. Repairs will be effected as soon as possible.

C.N.R. PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED

Branch Line Construction For Three Years Given in Estimates

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The programme of branch line construction on the Canadian National Railways during the next three years probably will be revealed when the Minister of Railways brings down his estimates during the forthcoming session. It is not known when the Minister will make his annual statement to Parliament on National Railway problems, nor is it indicated, what his programme will be.

One of the most important problems in government railway administration is the Hudson Bay Railway. The Government has repeatedly stated its intention of completing construction of the road. Last year's estimates, which probably will be made this year, are expected to provide for the construction work now under way. A further vote will be asked for, or possibly a Government bill will be brought in to provide money for a programme which will take more than a year to complete.

The possibility that the terminus may be changed from Port Nelson to Fort Churchill is not admitted. But it is significant the Government has engaged a prominent British port engineer to study conditions at Port Nelson before any more money is spent on terminals at that port.

SEATTLE IS THIRD AMONG U.S. PORTS

Imports From Foreign Countries Valued at \$186,871,343 For Nine Months

Seattle, Dec. 7.—With imports from foreign countries valued at \$186,871,343, Seattle was third among the ports of the United States for the first nine months of this year and first on the Pacific Coast, said a report of the United States Department of Commerce received yesterday by Collector of Customs Harrison in this city. The figures for New York, \$1,545,147,761; Boston, \$342,551,771; Seattle, \$186,871,343; San Francisco, \$157,408,701.

Vessels flying the flags of ten countries are listed to arrive in Washington and British Columbia ports in the next seven days. In the same period nineteen American ships come to this port. The foreign vessels include the Danish steamship Stensby, Greek steamship Maria Stathatos, British steamship London Merchant, Norwegian motorship Dinsdale, Dutch motorship Dinsdale, German motorship Isla, Swedish steamship Loren, French steamship Arkansas, Panamanian steamship Isonomia and Japanese steamship Junjo Maru.

Victoria Deep Sea Ship Movements

TO ARRIVE IN VICTORIA.
*Carries Passengers.
EMMA ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 8.
AORANGI, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 3, Rithet's Docks, December 10.
SHIZUOKA MARU, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 13.
ALABAMA MARU, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 15.
PRESIDENT MADISON, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 13.
RUTH ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 15.
LONDON SHIPPER, United Kingdom, Purves-Pacific, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 15.
PROTEILAU, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 21.
CANADIAN TRANSPORTER, United Kingdom, C.G.M.M., Pier A, Ogden Point, December 22.
EMMA ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 23.
CANADIAN RANGER, Montreal, C.G.M.M., Pier A, Ogden Point, December 23.

TO SAIL FROM VICTORIA.
*Carries Passengers.
EMMA ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 12.
PRESIDENT GRANT, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 12.
AORANGI, Australia, C.P.R., Pier 3, Rithet's Docks, December 13.
TYNDAREUS, Japan and China, Blue Funnel, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 14.
RUTH ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 15.
PRESIDENT MADISON, Japan, China and Philippines, American Mail Line, Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 24.
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, Japan, China and Philippines, C.P.R., Pier 2, Rithet's Docks, December 25.
EMMA ALEXANDER, California, Pacific Steamship Company, Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 26.
ALABAMA MARU, Japan and China, O.S.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 26.
SHIZUOKA MARU, Japan and China, N.Y.K., Pier 1, Rithet's Docks, December 30.

COASTWISE MOVEMENTS

For Vancouver.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 2:15 p.m.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11:45 p.m.
From Vancouver.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 7 a.m.
C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 4 p.m.
For Seattle.
Sol Duc leaves daily at 10:15 a.m., except Sunday.
C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.
From Seattle.
C.P.R. steamer arrives daily at 1:15 p.m.
Sol Duc arrives daily at 9:30 a.m., except Sunday.

West Coast Route
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C.N.R. OFFICIAL PROMINENT FIGURE IN RAILROAD LIFE

A. T. Weldon, New Vice-President in Charge of Traffic, Started Career in 1890

Sir Henry W. Thornton, chairman and president of the Canadian National Railways, announces the appointment of Albert T. Weldon as vice-president in charge of traffic and express on the system to succeed J. E. Dalrymple, resigned. Mr. Weldon has been general traffic manager of the Canadian National Railways, a position which will be abolished.

The new vice-president has been well known for a number of years to the commercial communities of Canada. He was born at Dorchester, N.B., in 1876 and entered the employ of the old Intercolonial Railway as messenger at Moncton in 1890. The next ten years were spent in various clerical capacities, mainly in the freight department, and the freight claims department at Moncton.

In December, 1901, he became chief clerk to division freight agent, Nova Scotia division, with headquarters at Halifax. In 1904 he resigned from the railway to accept the position of secretary to the Halifax Board of Trade and two years later was appointed general sales agent, Port Hood Canal Company with headquarters at Halifax. After being less than a year with the Port Hood Canal Company he again accepted a position with the Intercolonial Railway as division freight agent at Halifax. In charge of the Nova Scotia territory. He continued in this position for two years, and again resigned to accept a position with the Dominion Coal Company at Montreal, as general freight and passenger agent of what was then known as the Black Diamond Steamship Line, operating between Montreal, Newfoundland and Gulf ports.

SEATTLE IS THIRD AMONG U.S. PORTS

Imports From Foreign Countries Valued at \$186,871,343 For Nine Months

Seattle, Dec. 7.—With imports from foreign countries valued at \$186,871,343, Seattle was third among the ports of the United States for the first nine months of this year and first on the Pacific Coast, said a report of the United States Department of Commerce received yesterday by Collector of Customs Harrison in this city. The figures for New York, \$1,545,147,761; Boston, \$342,551,771; Seattle, \$186,871,343; San Francisco, \$157,408,701.

Vessels flying the flags of ten countries are listed to arrive in Washington and British Columbia ports in the next seven days. In the same period nineteen American ships come to this port. The foreign vessels include the Danish steamship Stensby, Greek steamship Maria Stathatos, British steamship London Merchant, Norwegian motorship Dinsdale, Dutch motorship Dinsdale, German motorship Isla, Swedish steamship Loren, French steamship Arkansas, Panamanian steamship Isonomia and Japanese steamship Junjo Maru.

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December 6, 8 p.m.—Shipping: CANADIAN EARMER, San Francisco for Victoria, 247 miles from Victoria.
QUEENSWOOD, Muroran for Vancouver, 160 miles west of Cape Flattery.
BRITISH MONARCH, Japan for Vancouver, 334 miles from Vancouver.
EASTMOOR, bound Vancouver, 1,700 miles from Estevan.
HATO MARU, 1,510 miles from Estevan, inbound.
AORANGI, Australia for Victoria, 1,089 miles from Victoria.
CAPETOWN MARU, 1,750 miles from Estevan, inbound.
ADMIRAL WATSON, bound Seward, 105 miles from Seward.
EMPRESS OF CANADA, Victoria for Yokohama, 325 miles from Victoria.
December 7, 8 a.m.—Weather: Estevan—Part cloudy; north: 30:30; 45: sea moderate. Pachuca—Rainy; east: 30:30; 50: moderate; west: 30:30; 45: sea smooth. Prince Rupert—Cloudy; calm: 30:30; 45: sea smooth; 9 p.m. Mogul left Anxoy bound Stewart; 6 p.m. Lakina, Petersburg for Juneau, 50 miles from Juneau; 8 p.m. Griffon, leaving Riverdale, at Seymour Narrows, southbound.

Auto Ferry Routes

Mill Bay Ferry
Mill Bay Ferry bridging Island Highway at Mill Bay, 7.30 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 11 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.15 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Leaves Port Mill Bay, 8.30 a.m., 10.15 a.m., 12 noon, 2.30 p.m., 4.15 p.m., 6.00 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.

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OBITUARY

The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, 950 Quadra Street, Corner Broughton, for the late Mrs. Drusilla Howard. Rev. James Hood will officiate and interment will be made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

The funeral of the late John Dewberry took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. W. J. Sipprell officiating. The hymns sung were "Abide With Me" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Many friends attended, including members of the L.O.O.F. Lodge. L.O.O.F. service was conducted at the grave by Bro. P. W. Dempster, P.G.M., assisted by Bro. A. L. Curtis, Chaplain.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Esquimalt Liberals will hold their regular monthly meeting to-night at 8 o'clock, in the Esquimalt Liberal rooms.

A special general meeting of the Keating Co-operative Fruit Exchange will be held in the West Road Hall, Saanich, to-morrow evening, at 8 o'clock.

The annual meeting of Ward Three Liberals will be held in the Liberal headquarters, Government Street to-night, at 8 o'clock. Officers for the year will be elected.

By-law 174, Firearms Regulation By-law amendment, was given final adoption by the Esquimalt Council last night. The Garage Regulation By-law amendment was given first and second readings.

Ward Three Liberal Association will hold its annual meeting to-night at 8 o'clock in the Liberal headquarters, corner of Broughton and Government Streets, when election of officers will take place.

"What is to be done with the elderly type of wooden dwelling," "Valuations and street improvements," are questions to be discussed by the Real Estate Board of Victoria at the fortnightly luncheon meeting to-morrow.

The Liberal Women's Forum will hold a silver tea at headquarters, corner Broughton and Government Streets, on Friday, December 10 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. There will be a musical programme and tea cup reading.

The Metropolitan Men's Brotherhood will meet this evening in the Metropolitan Institute rooms at 8 o'clock, when an address will be given by Dr. S. J. Willis, Superintendent of Education, on "School Finance."

Mr. Owen E. Newton, of 1239 Beach Drive, asks The Times to state that he is not the Owen Newton mentioned in Sunday's Colonist as being married to Eva McKay, daughter of Mrs. A. McKay, formerly of Hollywood, now of this city.

There will be no meeting of the Victoria and District Gardeners' Association this evening. The next meeting will be on December 17, when John Davidson, Professor of Botany, University of British Columbia, will give an illustrated lecture on native plants for the garden.

The annual general meeting of Victoria Farmers' Institute will be held in the Royal Oak School, Tuesday, December 14, at 8 o'clock. The business coming before the meeting will include the election of president, directors and other officers for the ensuing year. C. Tice, Provincial agronomist, will address the meeting.

A dance will be held Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Robert Burns McKicking Chapter in the Civil Service Club Rooms, Menzies Street. Pitt's orchestra will be in attendance and refreshments served during the evening. A few remaining tickets may be obtained from Strath's Clothing Store.

An illustrated lecture on "Charles Dickens" will be given by Francis J. Burrill of Vancouver, this evening in the Conservative Club Rooms, Campbell Building, under the auspices of the Royal Society of St. George. Noel Robinson of Vancouver, will give selected readings from Dickens' works. Dean C. S. Quantin, president of the society, will preside. The meeting will commence at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Clem Davies will continue his series of addresses on "The Bible in the Making," Wednesday evening, at Temple Hall. The New Testament will soon come under review. Those who have not followed the discussions dealing with the prophets and earliest Bible writings will no doubt enjoy the later series of lectures dealing with the four Gospels and Epistles. A discussion will follow the lecture, which begins at 8 p.m.

The Tuberculous Post of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L. will hold an extraordinary special meeting in their new clubrooms at Yates and Langley Streets to-night at 7 o'clock in order to deal with business in connection with the forthcoming annual ball. All members are urged to attend as matters of importance including the selection of a delegate to the Canadian Legion Convention will be dealt with.

Francis J. Burrill (Felix Penne) of Vancouver, will give an illustrated lecture "Charles Dickens" this evening in the Conservative Club Rooms, Campbell Building, under the auspices of the Royal Society of St. George. Noel Robinson, also of Vancouver, will render several selected readings from Dickens' works. All lovers of Charles Dickens' works are invited to attend. Dean C. S. Quantin, president of the society, will preside. The meeting will commence at 8 p.m.

All ex-service men are invited to attend the first of a series of combined meetings to be held in the Army and Navy Veterans' clubrooms on Wednesday, December 8 at 8 p.m. The meeting has been arranged by the United Ex-service Social Committee, which is representative of all ex-service organizations. Monthly meetings will be held using the clubrooms of each organization in succession. Unattached men are urged to attend. Comrade Sadger, society's advocate, will speak on the subject of appeals. There will be a musical programme.

Charles Ringling Funeral is Held

Sarasota, Fla., Dec. 7.—The mortal remains of St. Charles Ringling, who rose from his father's harness shop at McGregor, Iowa, to circus magnate and financial heights, were buried here yesterday.

Gay tropical flowers and sympathetic words in profusion were showmen's tribute at the last rites. These came from the lowliest circus roustabout to the captains of the sawdust ring.

Business halted in the city during the funeral.

H. L. Seymour Head of Town Planners

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the executive of the Town Planning Institute here yesterday, Horace L. Seymour of Vancouver was elected president of the institute.

LOGGER SLAYER CANADIAN CLUBS STELL ELUDES CLUTCH OF LAW FOSTER UNITY OF CANADIAN PEOPLE

O. E. McMann's Fate Unknown and Mystery Deepens With Disappearance

Although three weeks have elapsed since George Michie was shot to death at Timberlands, O. E. McMann, the alleged slayer, is still missing. McMann disappeared into the timber country and swamp land.

Since he was last seen pursuing Vincent Mataa and E. Jones, whom it is believed he intended to kill, he did Michie, on Saturday, November 20, nothing has been seen of the man.

He left no trace and no scent for the bloodhounds and men of the provincial police who attempted to take his trail. Whether he lives or not is a question shrouded in uncertainty, police admit.

The posse which followed McMann met with no success.

The trackers have admitted they are baffled.

Meanwhile McMann's fate or his whereabouts remain a mystery.

WAY OF FIRE-BUG BECOMING THORNY IN CALIFORNIA NOW

South Leads Coast in Convictions, Timber Convention Learns

California is a bad place for a man to be caught for starting a forest fire, according to the Pacific Coast 1926 fire review and lessons presented to the Western Forestry and Conservation Association in session here to-day by R. H. Chapler of Portland, Ore., and R. V. Stuart of the B.C. Forest Service.

Out of 794 forest fire convictions the year in the western area including California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, California was responsible for 865. British Columbia made only forty-three convictions. During this season there were 2,147 forest fires in British Columbia and a total of 5,767 in the five states.

Lightning was the worst individual cause of fires this season, the two experts explained, being responsible for 2,468 fires in the five states and 543 fires in British Columbia. Man-caused fires in the five states totalled 5,600.

The coast, as a whole, was lucky. Mr. Chapler and Mr. Stuart told the convention in spots, the intensity of forest fires destruction was as bad as it had ever been, they declared.

E. T. Allen of Portland told of the work of the association, is function of preventing the various government and other timber organizations from falling into a rut, challenging various forest theories, provoking controversy where necessary, and preventing half-baked ideas from being put into effect.

C. S. Chapman of the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, Tacoma, gave the treasurer's report and the report of the Reformation Commission of the state of Oregon for 1926 was presented by the Portland delegation.

Arthur H. Grahame of the Forest Protection Association, Quebec, and Forest Director Perm of New Zealand were introduced, and gave short addresses.

Brigadier-General Purvis, for years head of forestry in Scotland, is also at the Empress Hotel, and is participating in the convention.

DRIVER CRASHES POLICE MACHINE

Hugh Kelly Fined Following Collision With Esquimalt Chief's Automobile

Hugh Kelly, lost his blue driver's license, and was given a yellow one, after being fined \$20 and costs when he crashed his automobile into the Esquimalt Police Court this morning for driving to the common danger.

While driving along Esquimalt Road last night Kelly lost his automobile at a good rate of speed into the car of Chief Dawley, buckling the front fenders, the chief testified this morning.

Kelly was given time to pay his fine.

OVERNIGHT ENTRIES AT TIA JUANA

First race—Six furlongs.	107	Lemon Seth	107
Water Sheds	95	Mary Kinkaid	107
Laura M.	95	Lady Berslooh	110
Lord Prim	98	Febrah	110
Kitty B.	100	5th race—Seven furlongs:	112
Jersey Red	100	Pontom	102
Ormsbrook	107	Gunsight	109
Jack Ledi	107	Flicker	110
Miss Ida Brown	107	Wildride Wood	110
Frank Sumpter	110	Ray Schie	110
Belle Wood	111	Betty Maloney	111
Second race—Six furlongs.	95	Herod's Pride	116
Runerva	95	Sixth race—Four and one-half furlongs:	107
Cancellation	98	False Alarm	107
Ben	100	Cap and Gown	107
Brother Betty	102	Stamp	107
Wynne Wood	107	Vanderburg	107
Polo Star	110	Marian Wood	112
Dover	110	Ask John	112
Kilauoa	110	Clopotte	112
The Franciscan	113	Seventh race—One mile and one-sixteenth:	111
Third race—One mile:	107	Harry Maxim	101
Deep Blue	107	Jolly Cephas	103
Pretext	107	Torsida	103
Miss Eugene	108	Lierre	103
Que Creek	108	Cadmus	108
Chief Clerk	108	Huey	108
Irvington	108	Jay Mac	108
Chiva	111	Keston	108
Fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs:	107	Weather, clear; track, muddy.	
Our Seth	100		
Sayer M.	103		
Musketier	103		
Baleful	107		

Graham Spry Tells Kiwanians and Canadian Clubs of Nation-wide Campaign

The history of Canadian Clubs goes back thirty-five years. The late Professor Goldwyn Smith of Toronto, with other progressive minds, initiated the movement, to combat strong sentiment for annexation to the United States.

With these facts, Graham Spry, traveling secretary of the Association of Canadian Clubs, opened an address at a strongly attended luncheon of the Kiwanis Club and the Canadian Club of Victoria, held at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon.

Mr. Spry stated that the energetic progress of public service clubs, such as the Kiwanis Club, had synchronized with a slackening of interest in Canadian clubs, and that in many centres the Canadian Clubs have ceased to effectively operate.

There is an important educational field awaiting action by energetic Canadian clubs, one which in no way competes with the operations of service clubs. To take advantage of this opportunity the recent reorganization of Canadian Clubs has taken place.

Mr. Spry is now making a survey preparatory to presenting recommendations for securing a revival of interest in Canadian Clubs and their work.

TO FOSTER UNITY
"Canada is populated by two major races, English and French; how can these be brought to think and act alike on public matters? Surely it must be by propagating the idea of Canadianism," Mr. Spry asserted, and declared that economics, politics and other major questions, viewed under the tint imposed by racial affiliations, provide constant sources of difference between Canadians of British and French stock.

EXCHANGE SPEAKERS
"How can the differences, increased by the vast extent of Canada, be harmonized?" he asked, suggesting that exchange of prominent speakers, dealing with authority on national matters, would aid in the spread of understanding. Such a course is the objective of the Canadian Clubs, Mr. Spry intimated.

BARON BYNG'S VIEW
He quoted Baron Byng as advocate of a strong Canada, forming a sturdy link in the British Empire, and that the best advocate of Empire strength is he who stands and works for a strong Canada. "After all, that is, in effect, our constitution," Mr. Spry remarked. He described Canadian national spirit as being composed of sentiment and a sense of responsibility. Regarding the latter, he showed how necessary a skillful interpretation of public affairs has become, suggesting as an example that the Canadian Clubs might find a profitable field of labor in preparation of an authoritative interpretation of the recent Imperial Conference.

Another field was to be found in combating district misunderstandings such as rumors prevalent in Eastern Canada that Alberta is an ex-territory, a statement which he found entirely untrue.

WILL TO GREATNESS
"We have everything except the will to be a great people. We have resources, mechanics, all things material that we need. When we have the will we shall take our place among the great nations," he said in closing.

Henry C. Hall, president of the Canadian Club, thanked the speaker, and pointed out that next year Canadians will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation. He considered timely a campaign to instill in all people a sense of pride in their land and their achievements, and invited all citizens to become members of the Victoria Canadian Club.

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LITTLE SUCCESS IN BEET SUGAR PLANS, GOVERNMENT FINDS

Replying to attacks on the Government for its failure to subsidize the establishment of a beet sugar industry in British Columbia, Premier Ballwin announced to-day that his careful investigations of this proposal had failed to convince him that the project would be a success.

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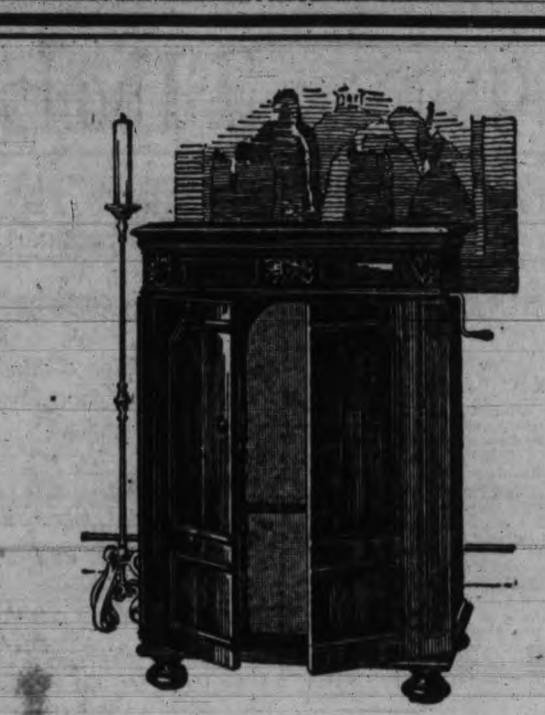
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MORE REDUCTIONS
From all sources at the City Hall further reductions in civic taxation is announced for 1927. The per capita tax paid in Victoria for 1926 of civic government has fallen steadily for four years now, and will again decrease next year, it is stated.

CANADA PROSPERITY TO INCREASE, SAYS MONTREAL BANKER

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Encouraging statements regarding business conditions of Canada were made here to-day at the 109th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal. Sir Vincent Meredith, president, speaking of the upward trend of business in practically all lines of trade, remarked that he could not see any indication that this period of prosperity was soon coming to an end.

"I believe that the underlying conditions are sound," said Sir Vincent, "and that the future can be viewed with confidence."

Sir F. Williams-Taylor, general manager, declared that the improvement in trade and commerce during the last year was reflected in the greater earning of the bank, in an increase of approximately \$27,000,000 in current loans in Canada and in an increase of \$23,000,000 in deposits.

The meeting, which was largely attended, adopted the annual report and balance sheet.

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GOLF, FOOTBALL

Rugby Player Laid To Rest With Full Military Honors

Touching Scenes at Funeral of Capt. Murray This Afternoon at First Church

Athletes Pay Last Respects to Dead Team-mate; Many Floral Offerings

Touching scenes attended the bearing of Capt. Samuel McCullough (Peter) Murray to his last resting place at the Royal Oak Burial Park this afternoon. Athletes, who had played shoulder to shoulder with Murray on the rugby field, and hundreds of citizens who, although not personally acquainted with him were shocked and grieved by his untimely and tragic end, gathered at the First United Church and proceeded to the cemetery.

Capt. Murray was buried in his playing togs. The red jersey, which has been the color of the Capital City for several decades in the inter-city rugby competition, shrouded his body while draped over the coffin was the flag for which he had fought valiantly for four years and suffered painful wounds.

The remains arrived from Vancouver this morning and were taken to Sands' Funeral Parlors. They were removed to the First United Church in time for the funeral services at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Goodfellow conducted the service, which was very impressive. He referred to the unfortunate accident which had cut short such a promising career, mentioned the character and courage of Capt. Murray and offered words of sympathy to those bereaved.

CHURCH CROWDED
The church was crowded. Practically all the rugby players in the city were in attendance as well as representatives from other branches of sport, from the Army and Navy, from mainland organizations and from the city at large. Members of the Pirates Rugby Club, of which Capt. Murray had been a valued member, and of the Victoria rep team which played in Vancouver on Saturday, met together.

Reginald Woodward of Vancouver, president of the British Columbia Rugby Union, represented that body and Richard Bell-Ing, president of the Vancouver Rugby Union, represented that organization. Gerald Stevens and Bert Tupper attended on behalf of the University of British Columbia.

After the service at the church the casket was placed on the gun carriage, in charge of Capt. A. S. Parkes, of Work Point Barracks. The cortege then proceeded to Royal Oak, where the firing party of twelve men from "B" Co., P.C.L.L., in charge of Sgt. George Lawson, M.C.M., fired the salute, after which Sgt. Bates sounded "The Last Post."

The pallbearers were Capt. J. R. Francis, Capt. E. Underwood, Capt. A. A. Warder and Capt. J. M. Cummings, of Work Point Barracks, and Lieut. H. N. Lay and Lieut. H. Kingsley, of the Navy Yard.

Numerous floral offerings were laid at the grave. The pallbearers were Capt. J. R. Francis, Capt. E. Underwood, Capt. A. A. Warder and Capt. J. M. Cummings, of Work Point Barracks, and Lieut. H. N. Lay and Lieut. H. Kingsley, of the Navy Yard.

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Inquiring into the fatal injury of Capt. Samuel McCullough Murray of Victoria in Saturday afternoon's English rugby fixture at Brockton Point, the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death at the inquest Monday afternoon.

Capt. Murray, playing for Victoria, suffered a skull injury during a scrimmage with the Varsity team. He was rushed to St. Paul's Hospital, and although two operations were performed, succumbed a few hours later. No blame was attached to anyone by the jury.

Mr. Woodward, president of the B.C.R.U., explained this morning the details of how Capt. Murray met his death in Vancouver on Saturday. While leading a rush Murray stumbled and fell forward in a awkward fashion. His head struck the thigh of Gustafson of the Varsity team, and the neck was broken. Mr. Woodward stated that the game was contested under ideal sporting conditions.

It was announced this morning that Varsity would endow a scholarship for \$1,500 for the education of the two children who survive Capt. Murray.

Five-pin Bowling
Now Dominion-wide

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Five-pin bowling is now on the same firm basis as other sports in Canada, organized from coast to coast with a governing body of officers and a uniform code of rules. Saturday night's inaugural banquet of the Canadian Bowling Association was the fulfillment of the efforts and plans of men prominent in the game in the last few years. More than five hundred men the majority of them secretaries of five-pin leagues, were present at the banquet.

The officers elected Saturday night were: Honorary president, Harry McGee; honorary vice-presidents, C. L. Burton, George H. Gooderham and L. Harrington; president, T. J. Simpson; vice-president, Sam Vogan, A. Roulston and B. Bailey.

FOLEY WEIGHS IN
Seattle, Dec. 7.—Vic Foley, former heavyweight champion of Canada, qualified here as a featherweight, scaling 124 pounds, the Seattle boxing commission announced to-day. Foley lost a decision in a title bout in Montreal to Leo Roy, in October.

BENEFIT GAME AND \$200 FOR SURVIVORS OF RUGBY PLAYER

Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Vancouver Rugby Union will stage a benefit game at Brockton Point on Saturday afternoon for survivors of the late Captain Murray, who died on Saturday as the result of injuries received during the McKee Cup game. At Monday night's meeting of the union, C. E. Straker, secretary of the Victoria Union, pointed out that his organization is taking similar action.

The local union voted \$100 for the widow, and it was announced that the B.C. Rugby Union would do likewise. Captain Murray's body was escorted to the Victoria boat Monday night by a large cortege of local rugby players, members of the Varsity team acting as pallbearers.

Mid-week Football Teams Will Resume Schedule To-morrow

Play-off and Rain Has Held Back Second Half of Schedule For Three Weeks

Tillicums and Bays Play at Hill; Bakers Meet Navy at Royal Athletic

After two weeks' interruption due to the first half play-off and another week's delay owing to rain the Wednesday Football League hopes to settle down to the playing of the second half of its schedule to-morrow. The Navy and Rennie & Taylors have played one game in the second half but the Hudson's Bay and Tillicums have been too busy settling their first half differences.

Despite the fact that they have played their last three games against the Bays the Tillicums, champions of the first half, will once again meet their old rivals to-morrow. The game, which should have been played against the other teams, has been postponed until the end of the season. The Navy and Rennie & Taylors will play around in the potties at Beacon Hill while the Hudson's Bay and Tillicums will play themselves at the Royal Athletic.

The Bakers figure on grabbing the lead in the league standing, which they hope to hold until the end of the season and thus get in the play-off. Manager Jack Maxwell is satisfied the Bays are the best in the league, and as they have one game to the good in the second half they feel good. After the lay-off both teams are keen to get into action and there is no doubt that they will be after each other every inch of the way. The Navy have turned out an exceptionally strong team in the first half and are playing the Tillicums extend themselves to the limit to win their last encounter.

WILL BE CRIPPLED
The Tillicums will be badly crippled on their right wing. Wallis, who has been starting at inside right throughout the season, has gone in with the Navy. His loss will be felt on the Tillicum attack. Manager Fletcher has been looking for a promising player to fill the position but so far has not been successful. He will have Brown, the high-scoring forward of the league, to depend upon, however. Brown has a fine goal average, having scored eleven goals in the six games he has played.

Although still feeling the lack of Simpson, the Bays are fighting hard to regain their prestige in the league. They lost out to the Tillicums in the first half but have hopes of coming to the top in the second half. The game will be a fast one, which goes after goals but their defence is a little slow. Gilliam fills the goal position and has shown good form in the two games he has played.

The teams will be:
Hudson's Bay—Gilliam; Armstrong and Gardner; Hagen, Smith and Kerlin; Addis, Pish, Robertson, Clark and Collier. Reserves: Gibney and Maer.

Tillicums—Matthews; Woolsey and Ross; Owen, Hodgson and Rutledge; Davidson, A. N. O'Brien, Brown, Borde and Graham.
Navy and Rennie—Lomas, Gilbert and Newman; McKinnon, Tupper and Stewart; Taylor, Field, Jeffries, Speak and Davies.

Reach Semi-finals In Cedar Hill Golf
P. Johnstone, J. Riddell, A. C. Smith and W. T. Wardale will meet in the semi-final of the club competition at the Cedar Hill Golf Club for Harry Eve's gold medal. The results in the second round were as follows:

P. Johnstone beat T. Mitchell, one up.
J. Riddell beat Jack Riddell, by default.
A. C. Smith beat F. Findlay, 7 and 6.
W. T. Wardale beat H. Barnes, 4 and 3.

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Summary
First period—Port Arthur, Gray, 20; 2, Port Arthur, Chapman, 5.00.
Second period—3, Port Arthur, L'Heureux, 30; 4, Port Arthur, Gray, 4.45.
Third period—5, Port Arthur, Fraser, from Wilson, 5.20; 6, Port Arthur, Wilson, 13.10.

Penalties
First period—Blair and Wilson, 2 minutes each.
Second period—Gray and Grimmett, 2 minutes each.
Third period—Gray, Burke, 2 minutes; Grimmett, Burke, 3 minutes.

Inter-club Billiards
Results of the matches in the inter-club billiard league last week were:

A Section
Vets. of France Pro Patria 150
B. Stephens 150 A. Mudge 139
F. Orchard 150 G. Burnett 107
F. B. Turner 150 P. Crouch 103

B Section
R. Orchard, highest break of 35.
Garrison Britannia Post
C.S.M. Wood 130 W. J. Linsley 150
G.M.S. Harper 150 W. Baker 135
M.S. Stevens 128 J. Food 130
Gomez 134 D. Stuart 150

C Section
D. Stuart, high break, 32.
G. Farrell, high break, 31.
Garrison Pro Patria
Sgt. Watson 125 R. C. Pim 150
Sgt. Sampson 133 bridge 150
Sgt. Wright 150 S. Smith 150
C.S.M.L. Gibb F. Chevaly 102
son 127 P. Crouch 103

D Section
S. Smith, high break, 29.
Fifth Regt. Army and Navy
Sgt. Anderson 134 W. Draper 150
Sgt. Hatcher 126 H. Hudson 150
Sgt. Ward 126 A. H. Finley 150
Sgt. Richard son 110
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750 ENTRIES FOR CATALINA ISLAND SWIM LOOKED FOR
Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Between 300 and 500 entries have been received for the \$25,000 Wrigley Marathon swim, which will take place next month between the California mainland and Santa Catalina Island, Oscar Riechow, a member of the committee in charge of the event, said to-day.

In the neighborhood of 750 long distance swimmers are expected to be entered in the event by January 6, when the entries close. Captain Charles Barrett, who came with a half mile of conquering the English Channel, is the most recent swimmer of international fame to enter the Catalina event.

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Fight Trust Bad For Game States Rickard's Rival

Fugazy Sees Tex Signing up All Prominent Boxers; Loses Sharkey

New York, Dec. 7.—Tex Rickard's monopoly on the services of four leading contenders for the heavyweight title next year, is the "worst thing that could happen to the fight game in New York," Humbert Fugazy, promoter rival of Rickard, said to-day.

Rickard has contracts for the services of Jack Sharkey, and Jim Maloney of Boston, Harry Persson, the Swedish stonecutter, and Paulino Uzcudil, Spanish wood-chopper. Paul Berlenbach, former king of the light heavyweights, is under contract with Fugazy to meet Tommy Loughran, Philadelphia dancing master and a second opponent if he should defeat Loughran, but Paul is expected to join the Rickard group shortly.

Sharkey's contract with Rickard calls for four matches after an agreement to box only for Fugazy expires February 1.

"Competition is the life of any business and boxing most of all," Fugazy said.

DANGER OF FIGHT TRUST
There is danger of a fight trust in New York when the headlines of one division are tied up under one banner in a merry-go-round series.

Fugazy says he holds no contracts binding heavyweights, but he has long terms. Willie Jack Delaney, who is to meet Bud Gorman of Wisconsin in the feature bout of Fugazy's Christmas fund show in Jersey City, December 29, has "shown a preference" to fight for the Brooklyn promoter, the light heavyweight title-holder is bound by neither oral nor written agreements, Fugazy insists.

Belgian Bicycle Riders Gain First Place in Wild Ride
New York, Dec. 7.—The Belgian team of Goossens and Stockelnych tore away on a wild jaunt, in a six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden that began last night. The Belgian team, which had covered 618 miles, 5 laps, made by Root and Lawson in 1915.

Hagen Holes in One And Wins Match With Portland Amateurs
Portland, Dec. 7.—Walter Hagen won the world's first hole-in-one, making his second Portland appearance, appeared with Gwyn Bowen, professional of the Lake Oswego Club, and defeated Budie Wilhelm and O. E. Willing, both former Northwest and amateur state champions, five and four at the Oswego course here yesterday.

Hagen made his second "hole in one" of his career when, on the sixth hole, his tee shot, a lofty mashie, landed on the green and rolled up to the pin. Dr. Willing lifted the pin from the hole and the ball fell into the cup. The sixth hole is 135 yards.

750 ENTRIES FOR CATALINA ISLAND SWIM LOOKED FOR
Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Between 300 and 500 entries have been received for the \$25,000 Wrigley Marathon swim, which will take place next month between the California mainland and Santa Catalina Island, Oscar Riechow, a member of the committee in charge of the event, said to-day.

In the neighborhood of 750 long distance swimmers are expected to be entered in the event by January 6, when the entries close. Captain Charles Barrett, who came with a half mile of conquering the English Channel, is the most recent swimmer of international fame to enter the Catalina event.

Canada to Entertain British Racquet Team
Boston, Dec. 7.—Canada and the United States will entertain a picked squad of British racquet players for a month this winter, according to an announcement by the United States Racquet Association. The Britishers are scheduled to play for the International Latham Cup in Montreal early in February. They will visit other Canadian cities.

Port Arthurs' Play Like Professionals And Win Game Easily
Vancouver, Dec. 7.—Port Arthurs' flashy aggregation of puck-chasers that has won the Allan Cup for the past two years, opened the local hockey season at Frank Patrick's Arena on Monday night, and in view of the fact that the Canadian Amateur finals will be played in this city next Spring it might not be a bad guess that the same bunch will play the closing game. They handed the local Towers, B.C. champions, a 10-0 trimming.

It was only a question if the home crew could ring up a counter after the first few minutes of play. That was what the 4,500 or more fans were pulling for. But the dazzling display that the champions put up was the kick of the evening. There isn't a weak link in their puck chain and every man is a high class performer.

LONG WAY TO GO
While there was nothing at stake, the match demonstrated that the westerners have a long way to go before they can successfully compete for the Dominion title. The visitors are all fast skaters, stick-handle like pros and play a baffling combination which will break through any amateur defence in captivity.

The Port Arthur team started out strong and scored twenty seconds after the start of the play, and then banged in another before the end of the period.

Half a minute after the start of the second period, the westerners again, and piled on four more counters during the session. In the third period it was simply a repetition of the preceding period and four more scores were checked up.

PORTS WORKED WELL
The play was fairly clean, most of the infractions being heavy checking. The visitors combined well and skated very fast, while the locals lacked both speed and skill.

Willie Wilson and Chapman were the pick of the winners, while Thompson and Blair were leaders among the home team.

WILL BE CRIPPLED
The Tillicums will be badly crippled on their right wing. Wallis, who has been starting at inside right throughout the season, has gone in with the Navy. His loss will be felt on the Tillicum attack. Manager Fletcher has been looking for a promising player to fill the position but so far has not been successful. He will have Brown, the high-scoring forward of the league, to depend upon, however. Brown has a fine goal average, having scored eleven goals in the six games he has played.

Although still feeling the lack of Simpson, the Bays are fighting hard to regain their prestige in the league. They lost out to the Tillicums in the first half but have hopes of coming to the top in the second half. The game will be a fast one, which goes after goals but their defence is a little slow. Gilliam fills the goal position and has shown good form in the two games he has played.

The teams will be:
Hudson's Bay—Gilliam; Armstrong and Gardner; Hagen, Smith and Kerlin; Addis, Pish, Robertson, Clark and Collier. Reserves: Gibney and Maer.

Brennan Or Willard Would Have Beaten Tunney, Says Jack

Admits He Lost Three Pounds Before Fight; Starts His Campaign to Come Back

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—Jack Dempsey, waiving the formality of a few warming-up fights, will start training next week for a return bout with Gene Tunney, to whom he lost the world's title last September at Philadelphia.

"If I can come back I can whip Tunney, and if I can't come back, I'm through the fight game. I don't want any set-ups."

Replying to reports that he had been poisoned before the fight with Tunney, the former champion said:

"All this stuff about throwing fights, being poisoned or worried to death is a lot of humbug. Tunney can whip any man in the ring to-day. He is a stiff counter puncher and, while I think he could have whipped Firpo—and probably held Carpenter even, Jess Willard and Bill Brennan would have slaughtered him."

LOST THREE POUNDS
"I was worried in Philadelphia the day of the fight. I had enough to worry me with a lot of litigation hanging over me—and don't think I did not know the trouble Tex Rickard was having staging the fight—but it did not bother my fighting a bit, shape or form. Naturally it does not help you to have a lot of squabbling around you, but I lost to Tunney because I was over-trained, down too fine. I see where some people claimed I lost ten pounds the last three days before the fight. I lost about three pounds. I weighed 190 pounds when I tapered off and I weighed 187 pounds when I climbed into the ring. I couldn't get started."

"I know what I wanted to do, but I couldn't make my muscles function. Tunney promised me a return bout, and even if he did not, I think I am entitled to it. The next time we meet—and I sincerely hope we do—Tunney will be the champion, and he will carry the load of a title."

Girls Top List For Life-saving Trophy In Anscombe Contest
Toronto, Dec. 7.—Alex Burlie of Toronto, Canadian flyweight champion, outpointed Joe McInland of Scotland in a ten-round bout here last night.

Maurene Grute of V.A.S.C. Secures Cup in Competition at Crystal Garden
Three girls came out on top in the junior life-saving competition for the Anscombe Cup at the Crystal Garden last night. Maurene Grute, of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club, was the winner, piling up a large total of points. Miss Robertson of St. Margaret's School, was a close second, and Miss Paulson, also of St. Margaret's, was third.

Thirteen children were entered in the contest and all showed that they had learned their lessons well. The judges had a difficult task in awarding the honors.

Miss Grute is the first winner of the Anscombe Trophy donated by the Ansonhoe of Oak Bay, to encourage life-saving among the children. She was the smallest of the contestants in the competition and proudly carried the large cup which was presented to her by Mrs. R. W. Hiberson, of the V.A.S.C.

"Jack" McNeil, the president of the V.A.S.C., had charge of the competition and Mrs. R. W. Hiberson, W. T. Barrett and Charles Hopper acted as judges. A fine crowd watched the children perform.

Capitals to Meet Fairfields in S.S. Basketball Feature
Sunday school basketball games carded for the Memorial Hall to-night are as follows:

A 6:30—Junior girls, Fairfield vs. Christ Church.
At 7:30—Intermediate girls, Harmony vs. Coma.

At 8:15—Intermediate girls, Volunteers vs. Gleams.

At 9—Intermediate "B" Boys, Fairfields vs. Capitals.

The intermediate boys' game should be the feature of the evening. The Capitals are one of the best teams in the "B" League, but will have to play hard to get the edge on the Fairfields boys, who have been practicing hard and are in good trim.

The Harmony-Coma encounter should be a thriller from start to finish. Both teams have shown up well this season.

NEW YORK MAY LOSE AMERICAN CLUB IN N.H.L. NEXT SEASON
Montreal, Dec. 7.—Le Canada, French language morning paper, in its sporting column to-day says:

"We are informed from a very good source that the Americans (of the N.H.L.) will not play in New York next year. Persons usually well-informed say they have heard that Tom Duggan and his associates have given an option on the club's franchise to a Baltimore syndicate."

"The option given by Duggan to the Baltimore syndicate, which would include the club's franchise in the N.H.L. as well as the players' effects. It said that 'New York has already received a guarantee of \$25,000 for the transaction.'"

Winnipeg, Dec. 7.—Minneapolis defeated Winnipeg 2-3 here last night in an American Hockey League game here last night. Going into the third period Winnipeg led by a 1-0 count and for the first five minutes they attacked the Hamilton goal only to have Lockhart turn their efforts aside. Both tied the count for Hamilton in

the third session. Dutch Cain tallied again for Hamilton and gave them what looked like the winning counter.

League Opens With Two Close Matches

Bernie Morris's Edmonton Eskimos Win Overtime Game From Saskatoon

Regina Score Winning Goal Just Before Time and Dispose of Calgary

Edmonton, Dec. 7.—Edmonton won the opening game of the Prairie Hockey League here last night when they defeated the Saskatoon Sheikhs in overtime 5-5. Each team scored a goal in the first period. Pool netted the first for Saskatoon on a pass from Cameron. Harris scored Edmonton's only goal in the second period. In the second period the scoring was again even with each team scoring two goals. Moffat secured the counters for the home team, the first on a pass from Cameron and the second on a pass from Connor. As in the first two periods the scoring was again even in the third. McIntrye scored his fourth goal, the first on a pass from Gowan, and the second on an individual effort.

After fifty-seven seconds of overtime Evans scored the winning goal for Edmonton on a pass from Morris.

THE LINE-UP
Edmonton Position Saskatoon
Fowler..... GoalAikenhead
McIntyre..... DefenceCameron
Harris..... DefenceHurtubise
Cameron..... ForwardMoffat
Morris..... CentreMoffat
McGowan..... ForwardPool
Evans..... ForwardHelman
Carrigan..... ForwardConnor
Carrigan..... ForwardWestwick
Teal..... ForwardGrattan
Referee—Carl Battell.

SUMMARY
First period—1, Saskatoon, Pool, 3:23; 2, Edmonton, Harris, 11:17.
Second period—2, Saskatoon, Moffat, 3:00; 3, Edmonton, Harris, 3:50; 4, Saskatoon, Moffat from Connor, 2:15; 5, Edmonton, Morris from McIntyre, 1:28; 6, Edmonton, Peters from Morris, 2:35.

Third period—7, Edmonton, McIntyre, 2:10; 8, Edmonton, McIntyre, 6:12; 9, Saskatoon, Connor, 2:56; 10, Saskatoon, Grattan, 4:13.
Overtime—11, Edmonton, Evans, 57.

Regina, Dec. 7.—The Prairie Professional Hockey League opened last night with the Regina Capitals taking a 4-4 verdict from the Calgary Tigers.

About 2,000 saw the game, which was a rather ragged exhibition. Both teams composed for the most part of youngsters, showed lack of team work.

After battling evenly throughout most of the game the winning counter came within a few seconds, as the call of time from a scrimmage in front of the Tiger net, Nasmith batting in the tally.

AT THE THEATRES

**"THE MAGICIAN" IS
REX INGRAM'S MOST
AMBITIOUS EFFORT**

"The Magician," which had its first showing at the Capitol Theatre yesterday is the first Rex Ingram production for Metro-Goldwyn since his widely discussed and highly successful screen version of Blasco Ibanez's "Mare Nostrum" (Our Sea). This new picture from the brilliant young director deals with a subject entirely different from anything he has previously done and he has handled it in the fine manner which has marked all his previous triumphs. It is his most ambitious achievement.

The story of "The Magician" is that of a girl caught between the forces of a magician, who she is unable to resist, and the love for a young surgeon who has saved her from being a helpless cripple by performing a delicate operation on her spine, which startled the surgical world.

Ingram has taken the Somerset

Where to Go To-night

Capitol—"The Magician."
Columbia—"Kiki."
Dominion—"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."
Coliseum—"Oh Boy."
Playhouse—"The Rockland Avenue Romance."
Crystal Garden—Sea bathing and dancing.

Maughan story and with his usual brilliance in the handling of such a delicate subject, has developed, a powerful romantic drama.

Alice Terry enacts the part of Margaret Dauncey, the young sculptress, and gives one of the finest performances she has ever registered on the screen.

**EX-MARINE TAKES
VILLAIN PART ON
PLAYHOUSE SCREEN**

John Milligan, now in "Footloose Widows," the Warner picture at the Playhouse Theatre, was born in Lead, South Dakota, and educated at St. Mary's Academy. His first stage appearance was in a repertoire company, of which Mark Swain, who is also in "Footloose Widows," was manager. He then became identified with stock company productions until in 1918, he joined the Eleventh U. S. Marines, and served in France. After the armistice he made a tour there as an entertainer for the troops. Since he started in pictures with Shirley Mason in 1925, he has been identified with roles of "heavies," usually with a sense of humor. He bears a striking resemblance to Lewis Stone.

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**NORMA TALMADGE
PUTS FINE KICK
INTO FILM "KIKI"**

Norma Talmadge puts a new kick in "Kiki." Anyone who saw the Belasco stage play and who happened to be among the crowds which packed the Columbia Theatre yesterday will vouch for this fact.

From now on Norma Talmadge, and "Kiki" should be synonymous, for never has a motion picture star been so aptly fitted for a role as Miss Talmadge for the title character in the gay story of modern Paris life. The First National picture fairly bubbles over with mirthful situations, yet throughout the story runs a highly dramatic theme—the adventures of a little street gamine who aspires to stage fame, and the luxurious life of a "great lady."

**MUSICAL COMEDY
AT COLISEUM IS
POPULAR FEATURE**

The opening of the Coliseum season of musical comedy last night was received by a large audience as a theatrical event. A large amount of interest had been shown in the new venture and those who had made a point of being present on the opening night entered into the enjoyment of the evening with enthusiasm.

Haunting melodies, pretty girls in lead, South Dakota, and educated at St. Mary's Academy. His first stage appearance was in a repertoire company, of which Mark Swain, who is also in "Footloose Widows," was manager. He then became identified with stock company productions until in 1918, he joined the Eleventh U. S. Marines, and served in France. After the armistice he made a tour there as an entertainer for the troops. Since he started in pictures with Shirley Mason in 1925, he has been identified with roles of "heavies," usually with a sense of humor. He bears a striking resemblance to Lewis Stone.

**"FOUR HORSEMEN"
MADE VALENTINO
FILM FAVORITE**

Rex Ingram's "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the film first brought fame to Rudolph Valentino, has returned in triumph to the Dominion Theatre. Alice Terry plays opposite him in this Metro-Goldwyn screen epic which is a vivid picturization of the famous Blasco Ibanez novel. More people have asked for the showing of this epic of the films than any other screen play in years. The greatest picture of the great love of the screen. Rex Ingram's stupendous achievement—a film masterpiece that has made motion-picture history—returns in triumph to the screen.

**Hohenzollern and
Bismarck in New
German Stage Play**

Breslau, Germany, Dec. 7.—Former Kaiser Wilhelm and Bismarck are the leading characters in a new historical review that has been brought out at Circus Busch with tremendous success.

The author, Professor Dr. H. Hirschberg, has created with the aid of a number of documents recently released from the secret state archives, eleven historical scenes of great anecdotal value which are culled under the title of "The German Tragedy, or Bismarck and Wilhelm II."

The play ends with the overthrow of the Kaiser, the fall of the young Kaiser in 1890 at the royal castle in Berlin.

Of dramatic power is the scene in which the Kaiser, in response to a daring exclamation of Bismarck, petulantly attempts to draw his sword, but is promptly disarmed by the sturdy old Chancellor.

At the first showing the theatre was crowded to the doors.

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YIELDS TO MICROPHONE FRIGHT**

Hielan' Fling, Flourish of Wee Twirly Stick and Other
Antics Fail to Fly Through Space, So Entertainer's
Personality Is Missing

Sir Harry Lauder has revealed how a comedian feels when he faces the microphone, and whether or not the jokes really find their mark when wafted into space without the personality of the speaker travelling with them through the ether.

"I sometimes wonder how many of the millions of listeners who enjoy wireless night after night have realized how difficult it is for the comedian to make his jokes go through the air with real success," says Mr. Lauder. "Believe me, it is one thing to stand before a crowded house on the stage, aided by footlights, make-up and the helpful atmosphere of the theatre, while quite another thing to stand in a large hushed, draped room and crack all your best stories to a cold, impersonal piece of apparatus that gives you no encouragement whatever."

"I do not consider it is so difficult for a singer, an instrumentalist or an orchestra, because music is a thing that can be produced in a quiet room without any audience being required to test its reception, and certainly it is not so hard for ordinary actors and actresses, since they are used to rehearsing in an empty theatre, which is even more difficult than working in a wireless studio, owing to the vastness of the theatre. The poor comedian, however, finds the presence of a visible audience almost a necessity. For jokes are curious things. With some audiences they succeed in arousing shouts of laughter; with others the whole point seems to be lost, and they sit patiently, awaiting you to say something funny after you have actually said it. Such a situation might well be described as tragic-comedy!"

"You can see, therefore, that it is no easy task to call up smiles which are unseen and laughter which is unheard. The help so given by action when one is on the stage is entirely absent, of course, when broadcasting. I have broadcast only once or twice, and each time my feelings were very strange when I realized that it was little use doing my little Hielan' Fling to accompany my songs—for who'd see it? On those occasions I felt quite lost. I assure you, not being able to flourish my wee twirly stick

and perform my whole host of usual actions such as winking, raising my eyebrows, and so on. Well, it is a wonder to me myself that the songs were such a success without them."

ATTACK OF "MIKE-FRIGHT"

"As a matter of fact, I reproduced every action faithfully when broadcasting, just as if I had been giving my usual theatre performance. Undoubtedly the presence of a few friends around me in the studio helped tremendously, for I could judge to some extent from them how much success I was obtaining with my wee twirly stick, but even with them it was none too easy. I winked, I shrugged, I shook my twirly stick at the microphone, but I was far from feeling my usual self all the while. In other words, I had a slight attack of what the broadcasting people kindly describe as "mike-fright," which, being translated, means a scare of the microphone. Such is even worse than stage fright, for you can at least tell with an audience which things go down and which to avoid."

"Standing in the broadcasting studio, however, taking infinite care that every word is spoken with absolute distinctness so that the sound-effect spoiled, and with silence answering the salutes instead of the roars of appreciative laughter—well, I know of no more eerie experience. The very thought that one's voice, which will not carry much more than a couple of hundred yards unaided, can be flung across half the world without any visible means and picked up perfectly by millions of listeners, is sufficient in itself to give a poor simple soul Scot 'mike-fright,' is it not?"

HAS CONFIDENCE IN RADIO

"On the other hand, modern devices and improvements make things a great deal easier than during the early days of radio, during which period I can honestly tell you, I was afraid to broadcast my songs. My great fear was that they would not obtain sufficient pure reception. Now, however, progress has changed all that. This is an era of such perfect mechanical artifice that a voice is practically as true in intonation and clarity 100 miles from the broadcasting station as it is to the listeners in the same room. In nothing more than in such devices as head phones and loud speakers has the modern tendency for revolution and improvement shown itself. In the early days of wireless the most frequent complaint was that radio music sounded cracked and metallic—like, being, gramophone records. However, any one who has listened to some of the practically perfect loud-speakers now on the market, realizes what a great deal we owe to modern improvements."

"In common, I suppose, with many other artists, I have often longed to be able to go out into remote country villages, into the highlands and downlands of Great Britain, and share my art not only with the 'comparatively' few who come and hear me in the big towns, but also with the people to whom a few of the old songs and the jokes

would be just a rare treat, long to be remembered. A lifelong ambition it has been with me to make what gifts I have charm away the cares of the million instead of only the thousand. Until recently it has seemed that no one but a philanthropist could do that in person, but the marvels of modern radio have at last made it possible for me. What a debt both myself and others owe to this great invention!"

"So, ye see, forbye I canna watch yer laughin' esh, ma frien's o' the unseen smiles, and the crack o' yer applause which turns ma work as pleasurable play in the theatre is no audible at the 'mike,' yet it's unco keen joy that I get when I remember that the jokes I'm makin' are stealing the cares for awhile awa' fra' the tired lassie restin' at home after her day's work, purr pain-weary folks in hospitals and the man what's just pulled up his armchair at the fire-side glow to enjoy a well-earned evening's repose. So that, however difficult it may be for a comedian to broadcast satisfactorily, it makes it easy when one knows that happy people everywhere are able to laugh with one, the answer at the questions that have to be put during the discourse, and the sing-a-long to 'Rousin' in the Gloamin' or 'Stop Yer Tickle, Joe!'"

"An' mind, nex' time I'm broadcastin', I shall expect ye to mak a lot mair o' them choruses."

**B.C. Man New Nova
Scotia Horticulturist**

Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 7.—The appointment of Professor W. A. Middleton of British Columbia as Provincial Horticulturist is announced here by Hon. J. A. Walker, Minister of Natural Resources and Provincial Development of Nova Scotia. Professor Middleton will commence his duties in January.

**Four Injured in
Railway Collision**

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A policeman and three men were killed and a policeman was wounded early to-day when police attempted to dislodge a band of marauders from a freight car in the Chicago and Northwestern Railway yards. The police, attempting to arrest the men, who were firing at a crowd of women, were held at bay for some time, until reserves were hurried to the hospitals and armed with tear bombs and heavy weapons.

The men were believed to have been intoxicated railroad track workers.

**SET PRECEDENT
IN LIGHT OPERA**

Operas to be Given by d'Oyly Carte Company Cover
Notable Period

When the full London forces of the d'Oyly Carte Opera Company create a precedent in the history of British light opera by leaving a body for a tour of Canada on December 26, accompanied by Rupert and Lady Dorothy d'Oyly Carte and the general business manager, Richard Collet, their departure will also mark the beginning of a new era for English theatrical attractions in Canada.

The London company has never appeared anywhere out of England yet, and Canada is fortunate in being the first country chosen for a visit.

The only change in the personnel of the principals will be that Miss Elsie Griffin's place will be taken by Miss Irene Hill, who has won distinction in d'Oyly Carte's leading touring company. Otherwise the casts will be identical with those now appearing at the Prince's Theatre in London. The conductor will be Harry Norris, assisted by Isidore Godfrey, and the orchestra has been specially engaged for the Canadian tour.

Henry Lytton will be seen in the roles in which he won fame at the Savoy forty years ago. Leo Sheffeld, Charles Gouling, Darrell Fancourt, Bertha Lewis, Aileen Davies and Winifred Lawson are all on the list for the trip. The company will sail by the Ss. Metagama on December 25, will arrive at St. John, N.B., on January 2, and will open at His Majesty's Theatre on January 3.

Of the repertoire "H.M.S. Pinafore" was the first composed, dating from 1878. "The Mikado," first presented in 1885, comes next; then "The Yeomen of the Guard" (1888), and lastly "The Gondoliers," the last of the most successful works of the famous Gilbert and Sullivan combination, first performed in 1896. The range covers the most important period of that combination, and the works to be given are admittedly most thoroughly representative of Gilbert's wit and Sullivan's gift of melody.

Day made demand is noted while the company is on tour for any opera other than the four named, efforts will be made to produce it, but it is believed that the repertoire and the quality of the work will find favor in the eyes of Canadian audiences.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
SECOND PILLAR OF
CHURCH FABRIC**

Speaking on behalf of the School of Religious Education at the annual meeting of the City Temple on Sunday, Mr. Herbert, superintendent, said that while there had been no appreciable increase in attendance at the Sunday School, an attempt was being made to instill ideals which would bear fruit in the years to come. The attendance had been very good. "The Sunday school is the second greatest institution of our church fabric," said Mr. Herbert. "The home has the first claim of importance, and then comes our church life, and if our boys and girls are able to learn to govern themselves in their Sunday school organization, it is certain to follow that they will know how to go out and govern themselves in civic life. The primary department under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hebdon is making a very good showing. We have three C.I.T. groups, each group having an average attendance of twenty; the groups being led by Mrs. Maude Hammond, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Bert Hebdon. A Luncheon and mark conference with the St. John Ambulance, who are studying First Aid and Home Nursing. In this connection the speaker paid a tribute to F. W. Dacey for the valuable work in connection with the teacher training class. Mr. Hebdon announced that the Sunday School would hold its annual entertainment and Christmas Tree on December 28.

LADIES' AID

Mrs. A. E. Humphries, secretary of the Ladies' Aid, gave a brief report of the good work being done by the Ladies' Aid, and specially referred to the sea which had been sustained at the beginning of the year in the removal of Mrs. J. L. Leigh, the late president of the Ladies' Aid.

Mrs. Bertha Parsons had stepped into the breach and was working untiringly for the good of the organization and church. Mrs. Humphries stated the meetings had been well attended during the year, and something like \$500 had been raised. The speaker announced that the Ladies' Aid was putting on a bazaar and superfluities sale on Saturday next.

Mrs. B. Green, president of the business ladies' club, reported that the club was doing well. They had distributed Christmas hampers to needy families.

On behalf of the membership committee Mrs. Maude Hammond reported that approximately 600 homes had been visited during the year, and many visits to the hospitals had been made. George Hughes and Capt. Burgess, J. Gadsden were elected auditors.

On behalf of the board, Clarence B. Deaville presented Miss Janet Mc-

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Ewen with a leather dressing case, as a remembrance and token of the work of Mrs. McEwen on the board since the organization was formed. Miss McEwen is shortly leaving for Vancouver. Mrs. R. E. Green, on behalf of the business ladies' club and other friends, presented Miss Janet McEwen, who will accompany her sister Janet to Vancouver, with a traveling trunk.

In appreciation of the services of the retiring president, Clarence B. Deaville, Mr. George Holt, who had been elected first vice-president, said that the membership did not realize the responsibility that had rested on the shoulders of Mr. Deaville. On behalf of the board and entire membership, he moved a hearty and sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Deaville. Mr. Phillips second the motion, which was supported by Dr. Davies, who referred to the public service which has been rendered by Mr. Deaville on other public bodies. Dr. Davies also paid a tribute to the good work done by the retiring treasurer, Victor L. Leigh.

Mr. Deaville thanked Mr. Holt and Dr. Davies for the kind words spoken. Any services he had been able to do had been done with the greatest of enjoyment. He congratulated the new president, Mr. Bridge, and thanked the members for electing him, as he had every confidence that Mr. Bridge would fill the office with honor and dignity.

Refreshments were served in the dining-hall by the ladies aid, in charge of Mrs. Bertha Parsons.

**U.S. LEGISLATORS
FACE BIG TASK**

Washington, Dec. 7.—Having ended their Summer holiday with holiday spirit, members of the Congress of the United States were ready to-day, in a parliamentary sense at least, to tackle the business of manufacturing legislation out of the huge supply of raw material available in committee and bill rooms.

With the constitution limiting their remaining term of labor to less than three months, they had no hope of getting all of the bills into the law-making machine before the Sixty-ninth Congress expires at March 4. That remain in stock after that date can be reintroduced in the Seventieth Congress.

Principal business before both chambers to-day was the reading of President Coolidge's annual address. The House will adjourn after hearing the President's message at 10 p.m. mark on the calendar for the memory of its former Speaker, the late "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

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Wall Street

Last Minute News on Stocks and Financial Affairs

New York, Dec. 7 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—The market presented a strong tone during the greater part of the session but during the last hour a rather active selling movement had the effect of erasing the forenoon gains.

The president's message was quite generally interpreted as embodying had something to do with promoting prices betterment after midday.

Operations of the independents in the steel industry according to reports to-day are on the decline and this is quite likely true of the industry in general. The news touching on the motor industry if anything seemed to be a little more cheerful in tone.

The sugar shares were helped by another advance in the market for the actual commodity. The bulk of the turnover is still of a professional character.

Quite recently efforts have seemingly been made to bring about a revival of bullish enthusiasm but as yet public participation on buying side has been very small and it would seem as though new powerful constructive factors will have to be injected into the situation in order to bring about a more spirited outside buying power.

New York, Dec. 7 (By R. P. Clark & Co.)—The Wall Street stock market edition this afternoon says: President Coolidge's statement in his annual message to Congress that the country was in an era of general prosperity requiring "Not so much new policies as a steady continuance of those which are already being crowned with success" was interpreted by Wall Street to mean that all attempts to enact radical legislation during the present session would be opposed by the administration.

This assurance that nothing would be done at Washington to interfere with the existing good times, was interpreted by another bullish demonstration on the stock exchange to-day. Atchafalca Union Pacific, C. & O. and Nickel Plate and other standard "safe" stocks staged a brief burst of strength in response to his renewed advocacy of railroad consolidation as the most logical step toward the solution of the rate problem. However, the day's principal activities again centered in the industrial leaders and the turnover in this department was again augmented as compared with the previous day.

United States Steel led the forward movement in the industrial division, moving ahead on aggressive buying stimulated by the Dow-Jones prediction of an increase in the corporation's unfilled orders as of November 30.

General Motors, Allied Chemical, U.S. Cast Iron Pipe and other speculative favorites staged vigorous advances, which were well maintained notwithstanding irregularity which developed as result of late afternoon profit-taking. Rumors are again current that the corporation will advance the present 10% yearly rate on the common will be ordered by directors at their January meeting. Demand for the stock broadened in the late morning, and the advances occurred in a number of other directions.

Sugars were strong in response to a new high in the season in the raw market. Rails also came into favor after speculative failure. Dodge Bros. was an active feature of the motor group. Buying was based on the expectation of earnings next year as a result of the company's preparations to enter the six-cylinder field.

Steel common led the advance in the late afternoon, moving up to 15 1/4. Allis Chalmers was well taken around the best levels of the movement as 10% demand under the leadership of Wilson & Co. "A" which advanced 2 1/4 to 24 1/4, reflecting the advantages expected to accrue from the retirement of the meat war with British interests.

Time money against Stock Exchange collateral slightly firmer. Sixty and ninety days, 4 1/2% lower. 4 1/2% Commercial paper quiet. Market generally 4 1/2%.

Chain Store Sales Show Big Gains

New York, Dec. 7.—Sales of the Woolworth Company in their five, ten and fifteen cent stores across the continent were up nine per cent last month, figures issued to-day show. Other chain stores also show large gains.

CALGARY OILS (By R. P. Clark & Co. Limited)

Oil	High	Low	Close
Black Diamond	40	39	39
Cooper	39	38	38
Great West	38	37	37
Midwest	37	36	36
Northwest	36	35	35
British Dominion	35	34	34
Dalhousie	34	33	33
Illinois Alberta	33	32	32
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	32	31	31
Midwest	31	30	30
Northwest	30	29	29
British Dominion	29	28	28
Dalhousie	28	27	27
Illinois Alberta	27	26	26
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	26	25	25
Midwest	25	24	24
Northwest	24	23	23
British Dominion	23	22	22
Dalhousie	22	21	21
Illinois Alberta	21	20	20
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	20	19	19
Midwest	19	18	18
Northwest	18	17	17
British Dominion	17	16	16
Dalhousie	16	15	15
Illinois Alberta	15	14	14
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	14	13	13
Midwest	13	12	12
Northwest	12	11	11
British Dominion	11	10	10
Dalhousie	10	9	9
Illinois Alberta	9	8	8
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	8	7	7
Midwest	7	6	6
Northwest	6	5	5
British Dominion	5	4	4
Dalhousie	4	3	3
Illinois Alberta	3	2	2
McGowan Sugar, new	1.25	1.24	1.24
Midland	2	1	1
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THE MAN THE WOMEN LOVED

BY RUBY M. AYRES

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Heffron drew a deep, hard breath. "Then, in Heaven's name, why won't you let me go? It's impossible to go on like this. Every time I meet John, God only knows how I look him in the face. I'm ashamed to the depths of my soul. He's my best friend."

"You put him before me; all the time you have put him before me. If you really love me I should come first, and nothing else would matter."

"I've argued that way and all ways, God knows, and I can only see myself as an utter blackguard."

"I don't care I love you."

She caught his hand and raised it to her lips.

"You say you love me, but you will not come away with me and let me make the only poor amends possible," he said again.

She moved restlessly, whimpering like a child.

"I can't be poor. I should hate to be poor, even with you." He drew his hand away; something within him felt sick to the soul at the deceit of this miserable intrigue.

For weeks he had known that his love for her had only been built on the unstable sands of passion.

To be free to shake off the ignominious chains which he himself had forged; that was his one desire.

He broke out again roughly: "It must end, Dorothy. I tell you I can't go on with it."

Her mood changed suddenly; she beat at him with frenzied, impotent hands.

"You're tired of me, you want to be rid of me. There's someone else you like better. Oh, I wish you'd never come home—I wish you never had!"

"God knows I wish it, too," Heffron said hoarsely.

Her anger fell away as suddenly as it had arisen; she began to plead again, with tears and broken words.

"Be kind to me—just for tonight. I haven't seen you for a week—it's seemed like years. I know I promised to be good and not bother you."

He broke out passionately. "Don't talk like that. Don't talk like that. You make me feel such a sweep. I've never blamed you. I don't blame you. It's only I who am to blame."

She would not permit that; she denied it eagerly.

"It's my fault. I made you like me. I know you would not have done it if I'd let you keep away—if I hadn't made you. But from the first I cared—ever since that day in church when I saw you again. Do you remember?"

Yes, he remembered well enough; remembered his first thought of her as a beautiful flower, and his feeling of bitter envy against his friend.

"But it can't go on," he broke out again in deep agitation. "How can it go on indefinitely? Some day you shall be found out, and then what can we do? Let me go, Dorothy. Let us try to make some amends to John for all this—all this—"

He stopped, for want of a word, only to stumble on again. "I'll go abroad, and you'll forget me. Not soon—but some day, and then you'll be glad—we shall both be glad, and John's such a good fellow. Let's try to do the straight thing before it's too late, let us say good-bye."

She was standing close to him, still holding his hand, and for some little while she did not speak, but Heffron had the strange feeling that she was trying to, trying hard to, but that she could not capture the words.

Then suddenly they came; only a whisper through the night, and yet to him as loud and clear as if they had been shouted across the world.

"Pat—I can't—I can't let you go now! I can't—I can't let you go now! I can't—I can't let you go now! There is a reason why you must not leave me now."

Then she went down at his feet; her hand clinging to him, sobbing wildly. "Don't make me say it! Don't make me say it! Don't be angry with me! Don't hate me."

He heard her. Like a man in a dream he heard her, and yet her words seemed to pass him by.

The stillness of the night seemed suddenly filled with mocking voices, shouting at him, jeering at him.

"Freedom is not for you! Freedom is not for you! You forget the chain yourself—and now it shall never be broken."

"Pat, oh, Pat, don't hate me!" He felt tears on his hands, and her trembling lips, and he stooped stiffly and lifted her to her feet.

"Don't cry, don't cry." Stupid, but that was all he could say, over and over again in foolish impotence.

Her arms were clinging about his neck, her golden head pressed to his heart.

He had to tell you. I've been afraid—but I must tell you to tell you."

Heffron's lips moved stiffly. "And—John?"

She cried out. "I never know. Promise me! I will kill myself rather than that he shall know. And then again came the old cowardly cry: 'I couldn't bear to be poor. I couldn't bear to be poor.'"

Mollie finished brushing her hair, and stretched her arms wearily above her head.

She had been sitting up late, mending socks and stockings, and she was tired out, but her heart leapt suddenly as away down the silent road she heard the sound of a man's heavy footstep.

Often she had thought that were she lying in her grave she would know that step if it passed, and she drew the blind a little to one side from the wide open window and peering out, her pulses jerked, her breath coming fast.

Heffron walked slowly down the road, carrying his hat in his hand. His head was down, and his shoulders drooped as if he were very tired, but as he neared the vicarage, the light from Mollie's window drew his attention and looked up.

It was too dark for her to see him, but he could see her distinctly, huddled against the light behind her, and her soft hair falling around her.

Involuntarily he stood still, his face upturned, and the words which she had spoken to him earlier in the evening, came back to his weary mind.

"I wish I could help you." Oh, how he wished it too! The sound of her voice and the touch of her little hand, would have been sweetest balm to him to-night. But he was beyond her help; he was behind prison bars from which there was no escape.

He stood there for a long time, looking up, and Mollie's dainty head and the light behind her seemed to stand for hope and youth and happiness, and all the things which in a moment of uncontrolled passion he had put for ever behind him.

He had forged his own fetters, and they were unbreakable, but he spoke her name through the silent night in a broken whisper that sounded almost like a prayer.

Mollie—dear little Mollie! Did she know he was there? He did not think so, but even after she had let the blind fall into its place again, and the face of the old vicarage was once more wrapped in darkness, Patrick Heffron still stood there in the road, gazing upwards.

John Morland's mother settled herself comfortably in a deep armchair, put her plump feet up on a footstool and opened her book.

"Poor John!" she said with a sigh. John's sister, busy making dainty garments of creamy white silk and frothy lace, glanced up impatiently.

"John's a fool," she said bluntly. Mrs. Morland sighed again.

"Of course, the trouble is that he idealizes her," she excused her son rather painfully. "He can see no fault in Dorothy, and of course just now, delicate as she is—"

Isabel broke in impatiently. "Delicate! I thought it was quite a natural thing for a woman to have children, or least it? Really, I've no patience with Dorothy. When she isn't crying, she's sulking, and when she isn't sulking, her temper is simply too unbearable for words."

Mrs. Morland sighed again. She was a sweet, rather helpless sort of woman, who adored her son, and stood rather in awe of her strong-minded daughter.

"In a time like this, one should make allowances," she protested as firmly as she was capable of protesting. "Dorothy is not at all strong."

"And she never will be, the way she goes on," Isabel maintained. John will be the ruin of her. If she cried for the moon he'd expect someone to get it down for her regardless of cost. She married the wrong man when she married John. She wants a husband who will keep her in order and refuse to put up with her tantrums.

"Perhaps you're right," Mrs. Morland laid down the book which as yet she had not attempted to read. "I always consider," she went on with an unusual flash of illumination, "that Dorothy and Mr. Heffron would have made an admirable couple. He would have been kind but firm and poor John takes after me; he does not know how to be firm."

Isabel's finely pencilled brows contracted into a frown.

"Patrick Heffron would have murdered Dorothy before they had been married very long," she said abruptly. "And perhaps it would have been a good thing for everyone if he had."

"My dear child!" "So it would," Isabel declared. "He's the sort of man who likes a woman to be always bright and cheerful. He wouldn't have had any time for a sallow, ailing neurotic."

She broke off a thread with a vicious little snap.

"I have noticed, though," she conceded reluctantly, "that Dorothy certainly more animated when he is about than at any other time."

Mrs. Morland smiled.

Mr. Heffron is such a very charming man," she murmured.

The color rose a little in her daughter's face.

"Selfish men generally are!" she said.

Mrs. Morland turned and looked at her with mild reproach.

"Selfish! Would you really call him selfish?" she questioned.

"Of course—particularly where women are concerned," Isabel insisted coolly. "He knows we all love him. I've often wondered exactly how many women's hearts he has broken."

"My dear! What a very dangerous thing to say."

"Dangerous!" Isabel laughed. "It's the simple truth. He stood up and shook out the little flimsy frock at

which she had been so carefully working."

"There, that's done!" she said with a note of relief in her voice. "I don't suppose Dorothy will like it, though. She never likes anything."

"I'm sure it's a beautiful piece of work," Mrs. Morland said kindly. "Isabel, I do hope the baby will be a boy."

"I hope so, too, for John's sake, but Dorothy's just the sort of woman to have a girl to annoy us all."

Mrs. Morland cast protesting eyes to heaven; she had long ago given up remonstrating with her daughter, but in her soul she was none the

less scandalized by her bluntness.

"I shall be thankful when it is all over," she said nervously. "Much as I love staying here with dear John, I shall be glad to get back to my own home."

"I don't know why we ever came," Isabel grumbled. "Dorothy doesn't want us here, and we can't do any good. Personally, if it wasn't for Mr. Heffron I should be bored to death."

"He is such a charming man!" Mrs. Morland murmured again.

Isabel lunged her mother an impatient glance.

"I don't know why John will insist

on his being godfather," she said abruptly.

"He hates the idea of it—I can see that. Poor man! Fancy having to bring up a baby in the way it should go! The mere thought of it almost frightens him to death!"

"I should have thought it would take a great deal more than that to frighten Mr. Heffron," Mrs. Morland said. "After all, he is John's best friend."

"And Dorothy's," Isabel said dryly. Mrs. Morland frowned.

"My dear! Things sound so odd when you say them in that way," she protested.

Isabel laughed.

"Do they? Perhaps I mean them to," she said, and walked out of the room.

Mrs. Morland signed and rearranged her skirts. She was not feeling very happy, poor woman, and her heart ached for her son.

There was no disguising the fact, although she tried hard to do so, that John's marriage was not an unqualified success. She was not a woman of keen perception, and yet a very few hours beneath her son's roof had told her that something serious was wrong. Making every allowance for the state of Dorothy's health, yet surely . . . her mind

trilled away in worried vagueness; something was wrong, but what? She did not like to discuss things too intimately with Isabel; Isabel had no tolerance, and when once or twice she had timidly tried to approach the subject with John, he had at once taken refuge behind loyal defence.

"Dorothy is ill. She'll be herself again soon. When we've got the baby she'll be sweet and happy again," he declared.

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HOWARD—On Dec. 6, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. Dorella Howard, aged 74 years; born in Prince Edward Island, and a resident of this city for the past six years. The late Mrs. Howard is survived by her husband, Mr. Howard, and four children: Mr. and Mrs. Hannah Hardy, Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. Hattaway, all of Prince Edward Island; also Mrs. Gillis, 1723 Dufferin Street, Victoria.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, corner Quadra and Broughton Streets. The Rev. James Hood will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

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Mrs. J. Dewberry and family wish to thank the many friends for the kind words of sympathy and floral tributes during their recent sad bereavement in the loss of a loving husband and father.

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Mrs. James Macleod and Mr. and Mrs. H. Macleod and family wish to thank the many friends, including the officers and members of the Borden's Union, for the great kindness shown and the many expressions of sympathy and floral tributes received in their recent and bereavement. They also wish to thank the Sisters and nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital for the kindness shown during his illness.

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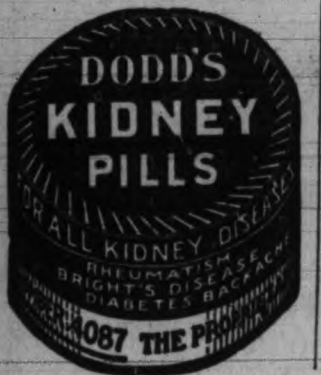
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L. B. Rines was elected vice-president while Hugh Allen was chosen secretary after Major Roger Mon-



teith had declined to serve again in this position. Delegates to the central executive were elected as follows: E. M. McConah, Major Montell, P.R. Fleming and H. P. Brown.

**CITY LANDS SHOW
STEADY PROGRESS**

Total For Eleven Months' Trading Gives \$162,873

Figures Pass Twelve Months' Total For Last Year

Receipts taken in by the City Lands Department for the first eleven months of the year total \$162,873, Alderman B. A. C. Dewar, chairman of that committee, stated today. The total up to the end of November surpasses the figures for the full period of last year when \$161,600 was handed to the treasury for twelve months' operation.

For eleven months in 1925, \$153,953 was the total realized, an increase of about \$8,900 being noted this year in the same period. As the bulk of the receipts by the lands department are handed on to the operation of the city in the following year, a handsome sum will go to swell the total that will be used to reduce taxation in 1927.

"Engaged by Wednesday" — A three-act farce, under the auspices of Axioms' Sunday school class, First United Church, Thursday, December 9, at 8:15 p.m., in the church hall. Admission 50c. Proceeds in aid of Christmas hamper week. ***

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COAL OUTPUT FOR YEAR SHOWS DROP IN B.C. MINES

Production Estimated at 2,358,000 Tons by Provincial Mine Experts; Island Figures Show Drop Below Those of 1925

Gross production of coal in British Columbia for the year 1926 is estimated at 2,358,000 long tons by the report of the Department of Mines, just issued by Honorable William Sloan, Minister of Mines and Provincial Secretary. The tonnage of coal made into coke is estimated at 150,000 long tons, leaving a net production at 2,208,000 tons. This, compared with the net production of 1925 of 2,328,522 long tons, shows a decrease of 120,522 long tons, or five per cent.

ISLAND DROPS

If this estimate proves to be approximately correct it will mean that on Vancouver Island there will be a decrease from last year's production of 139,539 long tons. In the Nicola-Princeton district there will be an increase of 8,918 long tons and in the Northern district a decrease of 723 tons. In the Crow's Nest Pass district the estimated production for 1926 is 895,524 long tons, of which some 150,000 tons were manufactured into coke, leaving an estimated net production of 745,524 long tons. The estimated coke production at the Coal Creek and Michel ovens is 99,000 tons, an increase of 23,815 tons, or thirty-two per cent over the 1925 output.

In preparing the estimate of the year's production the figures of actual output for the first ten months of the year were available, while the output for November and December has been estimated.

DETAILED FIGURES

The figures of actual production for the first ten months of the year are given below:

Vancouver Island District			
	1925.	1926.	
Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Ltd.—			
Comox Colliery	221,443	191,635	
Extension Colliery	142,475	170,619	
South Wellington No. 5	37,193	38,900	
	401,111	401,154	
Western Fuel Corporation Limited—			
No. 1 Mine	254,142	251,494	
Reserve Mine	141,303	123,708	
Wakalah Mine	23,798	75,160	
	419,243	450,302	
Other Island Collieries—			
Granby Con. M. S. and P. Co.	136,719	166,745	
Nanosee Wellington Colliery Ltd.	20,905	45,978	
East Wellington Colliery Limited.	31,673	12,428	
King & Foster Coal Company Ltd.	15,587		
	204,884	228,513	
Total for Vancouver Island	1,025,157	1,140,109	
Nicola-Princeton District			
Coalmont Collieries Limited	93,264	88,514	
Middleboro Collieries Limited	24,063	39,846	
Kaystone Colliery Limited	6,410	4,542	
Princeton B. C. Colliery	814	4,971	
Tulameen Valley Coal Company	8,631	5,348	
Sunshine Coal Company			
South Okanagan Coal Company	140		
	143,366	136,925	
Northern District			
Telikwa Colliery	750	750	155
			155
East Kootenay District			
Coal Creek Colliery	319,311	296,947	
Michel Colliery	303,337	272,972	
Corbin Colliery	100,507	57,631	
	723,055	727,550	
Total for Province	1,892,328	2,004,599	
Coke Production			
Coke produced, 1925	150,000	150,000	
Made into coke, 1925	50,372	29,868	
	75,716	46,231	

FOUR BIG PROBLEMS FACE B.C. FORESTRY, CAVERHILL ASSERTS

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"One can readily realize in respect to South Africa that the population finds a dearth of timber. Large sums have to be sent out of the country each year for the purchase of wood products, each stick of home-grown wood finds a ready market, and the chief concern of the forestry organization is to extend the forest area."

"In British Columbia, our chief problems in forestry come from a surplus of forest land for our limited population. You all know that a surplus leads to extravagance in manufacturing and use. This is common in all commodities. In our timber industries, however, it is magnified by the large amount of stumpage carried in private hands, stumpage subject to yearly charges and to forest fire risk and protection costs."

"The cutting right to most of our timber was secured under the Licensure Act of 1905. The carrying charge on these licenses (15 cents for interior and 22 cents for coast timber per acre per year, and forest protection charges) is nominal in comparison with many of your local taxes on fee lands, but even these nominal rates become burdensome in the end, especially to the individual who, having some fifteen or twenty years ago, invested his all in timber, now sees the down-hill side of life slipping by and, instead of a prospect of realizing on his investment, he still must feed it annual sums, unless he starts an operation on an already flooded market or sells for a stuporously low price far below the real worth of the timber."

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601,553 thousand feet (for ten months.)

"The figures indicate that there is a very satisfactory market for quantity. That the price is not satisfactory seems to be due to the desire that the industry in general, viz., to liquidate stumpage without profit to the operator, and to keep competition for business, which put the market control in the hands of the middleman and retailer. This again encourages waste, increases the fire hazard, and hampers economic and the solution means the careful thought of all those concerned with the development of our forest policy."

FIRE HAZARD

"The year 1926, as you all know, has been one of extreme hazard, especially in the Southern Interior. The total number of fires recorded reached 2,147, of which twenty-five per cent. was caused by lightning. The fire hazard remains our principal drawback to reforestation, as well as causing the loss of large amounts of mature timber yearly. At the same time, I believe the time is not far distant when we will be able to secure insurance at reasonable rates on standing mature timber. Speaking of the loss over the past ten years has been approximately three hundred million feet or 1-10 of one per cent, and well distributed. Our main hope is at a rate not greater than that often paid on other forms of property. Finland's Mutual Forest Fire Insurance costs 14 of one per cent. Joining 8-10 to 1 1/2 per cent. in yearly premiums, less discounts for fire protection."

"The hazard will probably increase with the extending areas of cut-over land. Fires start from the ground, and experience and humidity studies plainly indicate that fire conditions are worse on bare land and areas of young reproduction than under mature or pole stands. Therefore, given other conditions equal, our hazard is increased. Our main hope is in overcoming this is the arousing of a fire conscience in our people, a conscience which will compel them to take greater care of their land, and to report that man-caused fires appear to be less than heretofore, and we are getting greater co-operation in reporting fires than heretofore, which is reflected in fire control."

"Man caused fires:

1924	1,867
1925	1,889
Controlled fires	1,584
1924—71.3 per cent controlled under ten acres.	
1925—70.0 per cent controlled under ten acres.	
Controlled fires	1,584

"While these results are encouraging, they are not yet satisfactory, and much work remains to be done. It is impossible to impose upon our scanty population a patrol as intensive as is found in some sections, and our main objective should be closer cooperation with the public. The educational work of the branch has, during the past two years, been nobly supplemented by the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Forestry Association."

SILVICULTURE

"The Chief Forester of Finland, Dr. Cajander, propounded this conundrum in European forestry: What is the difference between regeneration in south, central and north Europe?"

"He answers, in the south natural regeneration is impossible, in the centre it is man's work, and in the north nature gives it unaided."

"We have conditions roughly comparable with north Europe. Our silvicultural methods are more or less show that nature will do nobly in supplying a new crop. It may take eight to ten years for establishment and stand to become complete, but when fire has been kept out the process is sure. Regeneration, however, takes place largely from seed sown from adjoining stands, and not from seed sown on the spot. The educational work of the branch has, during the past two years, been nobly supplemented by the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Forestry Association."

LET SEED TREES GROW

"This indicates a growing problem which must be faced in the near future. It is the reservation of seed-trees and their preservation during logging. Heretofore this was not an important problem, because the logging units were small in area and readily seeded in from adjoining timber. With the rapid extension of logging and the joining up of logging units, however, the problem has become a serious one. It depends on marginal seeding alone, and it would seem that some provision must be made for leaving of seed-trees or groups of seed-trees in intervals of twenty to forty chains for the insurance of a seed supply. As these trees represent an investment, which probably cannot be recovered, care must be exercised in their selection. It may be that scrubby trees standing on knolls, which are not usually logged, will answer the purpose, but these should be carefully examined for the effect of tree strains on the new crop. We are making provision for such reservations in our large timber sale contracts, but I believe that it will have to be extended to timber licenses. An alternative would be the logging of alternative compartments; in areas extending for eight or ten years leaving strips of green timber for the four or five years to reseed the compartments and then re-logging the area for the remaining compartments."

CONCENTRATION OF CUT

"With the estimated stand of the Province given as 250 billion feet and the cut, including local firewood, as three billion feet, the ratio of what we were in a safe position for many years. This cut, however, is more or less concentrated into the more accessible regions and species which find a more ready market."

"Thus, in the Douglas fir belt of the lower coast, which occupies only 10 per cent. of forest area, we find the cut as follows:

1915—80 per cent.; 1920—69 per cent. and 1925—74 per cent.

"In this region Douglas fir represents forty per cent. of the merchantable stand, but it forms the following percentage of the cut:

1915—44 per cent.; 1920—53 per cent. and 1925—62 per cent.

"In other words, we are depleting our stands of Douglas fir in the Vancouver district at the rate of two per cent. per year; whereas, in the lower coast, the depletion is only .5 per cent.; while in the Interior spruce is cut in the proportion of just over 5 per cent. and lodgepole pine just under 1 per cent. These figures show conclusively the tendency to concentrate the cut where the greatest profit is to be secured. Forestry, therefore, requires a distribution of the cut in ratio to the annual growth. Our problem is to work for this distribution, in so far as possible, by making it possible to log these neglected species and market the product at a reasonable profit. Hence our market extension

CITY CONGRATULATED ON SEATING MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

Formal Notice of Mayor Penderay's Election Applauded in Council

Brief Meeting Concludes Last Session Before Civic Elections

Formal notification of the election of Mayor J. C. Penderay by acclamation was read to the City Council last night in a communication from the returning officer, William Scowcroft. Amid general applause Alderman E. S. Woodward moved that the communication be filed and that "the city be congratulated."

The council had, last night, with the election hour for five of its members scarcely 48 hours away. A communication from Victoria Fire Fighters asking a blanket rate of \$10 monthly was received, and passed to the fire wardens for report, without comment.

At the request of the Union of B.C. Municipalities Victoria will be represented at a meeting of municipal solicitors at New Westminster on December 15, for the purpose of examining legislation asked for by private interests at the next session of the house, and which might have an effect on the city's interests. It was stated, Mr. Pringle will attend on behalf of this city.

The city's opinion is asked regarding a permanent policy in relation to street gasoline pumps, visible and underground, in a letter from J. A. Thomas, Provincial Fire Marshal. The city will investigate and submit recommendations in turn.

Notified that the City Hall clock was out of order and that \$100 would cover the cost of repairs, cleaning, and reassembling, the council voted that sum for the purpose. Charles E. Redfern, for thirty-five years keeper of the clock, will do the work.

Stall holders at the Victoria Public Market were granted leave to hold trading on December 22, 23 and 24, as on those days in the year, in addition to the usual openings not falling on holidays.

Market receipts for the month of November were up \$29. Alderman John Harvey reported nothing of importance, beyond routine affairs progressing satisfactorily.

The council, adjourned, abandoning one of the briefest meetings held this year to date.

CITY LIBERALS LAY ORGANIZATION PLANS

C. J. V. Spratt Tells Association of Preparations For Election Contests Here

Liberals of Victoria began their campaign of organization at meetings in the Liberal headquarters last night.

C. J. V. Spratt, newly-elected president of the Victoria Liberal Association, addressed a joint meeting of the Ward One, Two and Four Associations.

He explained in detail his ideas of organization, stressing the need of preparing the Liberal forces here for the next election contest in the city. Mr. Spratt and his associates on the executive of the Victoria Association are planning an active campaign of organization in all wards.

The Ward Four Association prepared for its next year's activities by electing new officers as follows: Honorary presidents, B. C. Nicholas and Mrs. Stuart Henderson; president, Alex. Pedersen; vice-president, G. Chapman; secretary, G. Gaud; delegates to the central executive, Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Nelson, Gus Silver and C. F. Moriarty.

COURAGEOUS CAPTURE

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